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BRITISH RESIDENTS URGED TO LEAVE JAPAN

AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN IN DAYLIGHT

There was considerable enemy air activity over the eastern part of England during daylight yesterday but no important attack developed.

It is officially stated that a few bombs fell in the outskirts of London and at points in the Home and Eastern Counties.

Some damage was done to houses but very few casualties are reported.—Reuter.

"Before Impending Crisis With America Comes To A Head"

CONSIDERABLE ANXIETY WAS CAUSED AMONG FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN THE TOKYO-YOKOHAMA AREA YESTERDAY ON THE RECEIPT BY BRITISH RESIDENTS IN YOKOHAMA OF WRITTEN ADVICE FROM THE CONSUL-GENERAL, MR. W. McVITTIE, TO "LEAVE JAPAN BY REGULAR SHIPPING ROUTES BEFORE THE IMPENDING CRISIS IN JAPANESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS COMES TO A HEAD."

Mr. McVittie said the notice was only sent "to a limited number" and declined to elucidate his expectations regarding Japanese-American relations.

"AMERICAN SITUATION" DISCUSSED

A telegram from Rome received in New York yesterday indicated that Hitler and Mussolini discussed the "American situation" at their conference.—Reuter.

MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER?

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

AXIS PROPAGANDA MUST BE SERIOUSLY AT A LOSS IF IT HAS TO DESCRIBE THE HITLER - MUSSOLINI MEETING AS THE GREATEST EVENT OF THE YEAR. THE MEETING COULD DO NO MORE THAN REAFFIRM A COMPLETE AGREEMENT OF POLICY.

Their combined strength could not be increased by the meeting nor unity be closer as they have always boasted this was complete.

Axis commentators, however, claim startling events will follow. The Dictators decided not only to defeat Britain but on the means of doing it.

This type of threat is nothing new. Some points about the meeting, however, are more significant. It occurred on German soil, almost certainly at Berchtesgaden, and the Duce, there is little doubt, went because he was summoned. He needs all possible help but cannot have liked the role of suppliant. Doubtless future plans were discussed but they are German and not Italian plans.

Linked With Vichy

The plans are linked with the negotiations that have been proceeding at Vichy; and Hitler has probably been liberal with the Duce's aspirations against France. It is suggested the Germans insisted on unity of command. This is more likely to be the real issue at a later date when

the Germans have decided where the big gamble is to be made.

Their intentions are still very secret and preparations may equally aim at an invasion of Britain or of an advance in the Balkans.

Pretence Of Neutrality

It is significant that the German air force has not yet been employed, at least directly, against Greece, thus maintaining a pretence of neutrality.

Undoubtedly Hitler the gambler favours an attack on Britain as the surest way to victory. If successful, but he obviously is having qualms in view of the risks.—Reuter.

"BROOKHAM'S" CHIEF OF STAFF

Major-General R. H. Dowding, Chief of the Combined Staff of the different Services under the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, and Wing-Commander Yarde, arrived at Rangoon yesterday, says Reuter.

The notification pointed out that in case of war all sailings would be cancelled, hurried evacuation would be impossible, British would not be free to use money and property and would be unable to communicate with the Consul and might be interned.

Japanese officials profess ignorance of any development likely to inspire such a warning.

Gravely Disturbed

This time, however, private foreign circles are gravely disturbed by the complete suppression of plans and views, not only of the Japanese Government but also of those abroad, such as might indicate an imminent crisis.

Some regard Mr. McVittie's action as being linked with rumours that Admiral Nomura, new Ambassador to the United States, is not sailing as scheduled.—Reuter.

SHA YU CHUNG RUMOURS

RUMOURS IN CHINESE CIRCLES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE OCCUPIED SHA-YU-CHUNG, MIRS BAY TERMINUS OF THE TAIPO-SHA-YU-CHUNG FERRY SERVICE, ARE OFFICIALLY DENIED.

Although there are four Japanese warships in Bias Bay no landing has been attempted and the Japanese troops along the border have also not started an offensive.

The ferry service between Kowloon and Sha-yu-chung was functioning smoothly the whole day yesterday.

"DAILY WORKER" RAIDED

Britain's leading Communist newspaper, the "Daily Worker," has been suppressed by Government under the Defence Regulations.

Another Left Wing periodical called "The Week" was similarly suppressed yesterday.

The Home Secretary is satisfied that these papers systematically publish matter calculated to foment opposition to the successful prosecution of the war, states an official announcement.—Reuter.

Officers of Scotland Yard raided the offices of the "Daily Worker" yesterday and stopped publication just as newspaper was going to press.—Reuter.

ARTILLERY DUELS IN ALBANIA

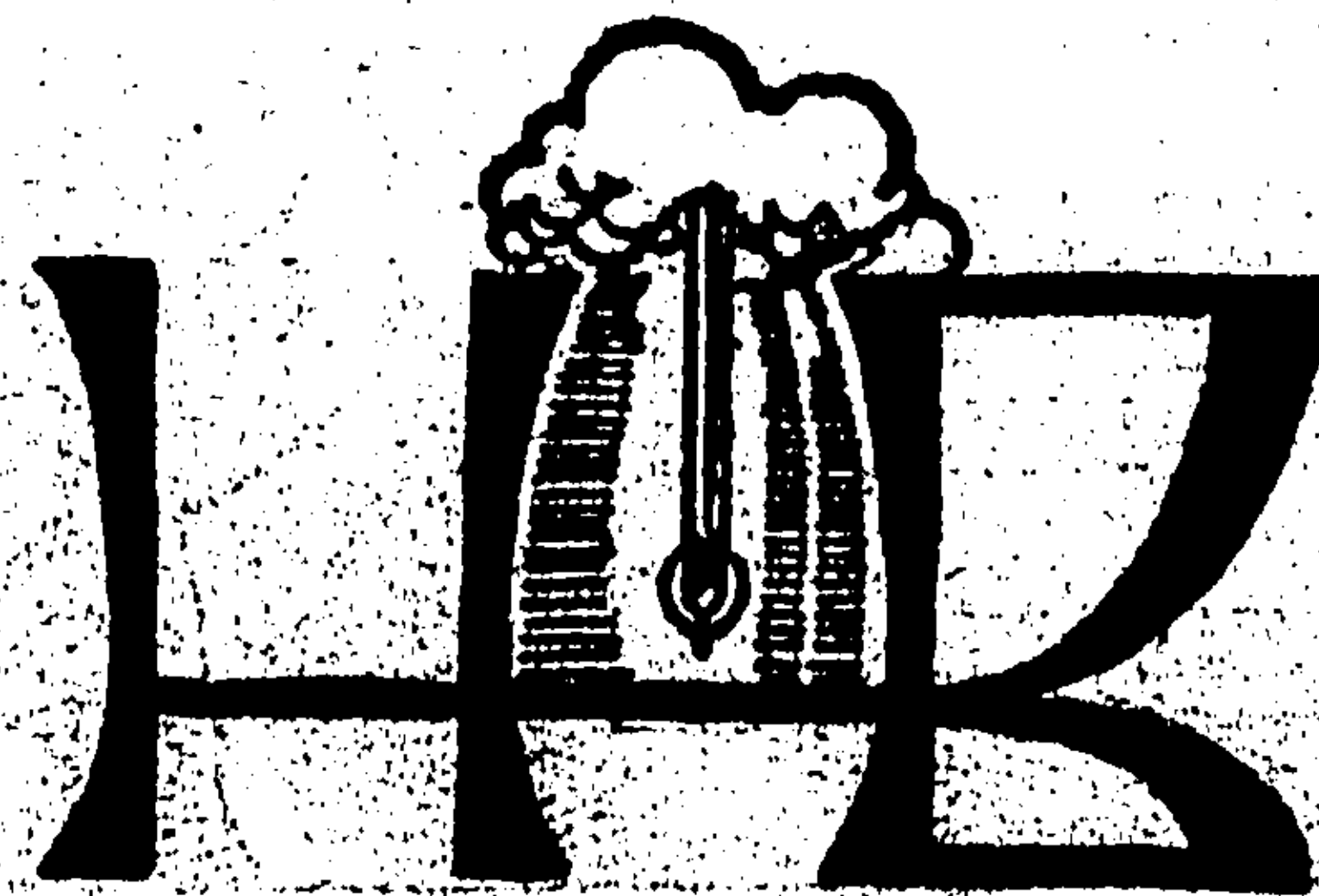
Improvements in the weather resulted in heavy artillery duels in the central sector of the Albanian front from dawn all day, stated Athens radio yesterday.

Greek guns silenced many enemy batteries.

Thick snow covers the mountains where fighting is proceeding, and there is bitter cold and fog.

Despite the conditions the Greeks continue to maintain the initiative and to displace the enemy from fortified positions. In the southern sector beyond Chimarra the Greeks encircled and captured a trench mortar corps, taking many prisoners.—Reuter.

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BUCHAREST DISTURBANCES

Greeks Arrested After German Officer's Death

Incidents All Over Rumania

SOME MINISTRIES in Bucharest are guarded by police and the wireless station is protected by a military guard, according to Bucharest newspapers quoted in Rome yesterday.

These newspapers published accounts of demonstrations staged by certain members of the Iron Guards on Monday evening but emphasise that these were orderly and insist that order prevails in Bucharest.

A communique has been issued in Bucharest dealing with the murder of Major Doehring, of the German military mission.

Doehring was attacked outside the headquarters of the mission by a man who is said to have fired shots.

A decree published by the Rumanian Official Journal says the death sentence will be applied in the case of murder of German soldiers in Rumania.

Ten prominent members of the Greek colony in Bucharest have been arrested in connection with the murder of Doehring, according to a Bucharest despatch to the German news agency.

Major Disorders

According to a Budapest telegram received in New York the major disorders, which may require energetic measures by Germany, raging all over Rumania were of pro-German origin following the assassination of Doehring.

An attempt on the life of Colonel Creschani, described as Director-General of the Rumanian railways, was made in Bucharest yesterday, according to the official German news agency.

The assailants entered the colonel's office and fired several shots, wounding him, but further details of the crime are not yet available.

Meanwhile a spokesman at the Rumanian Legation in Belgrade yesterday stated it was untrue there had been any attempted coup d'etat in Bucharest on Monday.

He said that "certain demonstrations" had occurred but order was quickly restored.

No telephone calls to or from Bucharest were accepted yesterday. — Reuter.

German Troops Moved

According to a telegram from Sofia disorders in Rumania are widespread, with street fighting between civilians, German soldiers and Communists in Bucharest and elsewhere reported.

Increasing resentment in many quarters over the German military concentrations in Rumania and the anti-Antonescu regime may flare into a real general fight, with the Nazis trying to restore order.

Other reports are that the disorders may be part of a coup intended by Leftists, followers of King Carol and others trying to overpower the Germans and the pro-German Iron Guard.

German troops removed from Giurgiu are reported to have been rushed to Bucharest and elsewhere. — Reuter.

COMMONS STILL NOT SATISFIED

The debate in the Commons following Mr. Bevin's speech yesterday revealed the current opinion that everything possible was still not being done to expedite the war effort and that there should be a greater measure of compulsion on all parties to contribute a larger measure of labour.

This is the principle which Mr. Bevin has been opposing as unnecessary.

There is a difference of opinion inside the Labour movement on the issue, as shown by the speech of the former Labour Minister, Mr. Ernest Shinwell.

Mr. Shinwell declared: "We need not be afraid of drastic even revolutionary methods in this country" and contended that hope that the last change in the Government would preface a new and unified policy of comprehensive planning and complete co-ordination of the national effort had not materialised. — Reuter.

MESSAGE TO MALTA

"We are sure that success as well as glory will reward your efforts," says a message sent yesterday by Mr. Churchill to the Officer Administering the Government at Malta.

"I send you, on behalf of the War Cabinet, our heart-felt congratulations on the magnificent and ever-memorable defence which your heroic garrison and citizens, aided by the Navy and, above all, the Royal Air Force, are making against the German and Italian attack," says Mr. Churchill in his message.

"The eyes of Britain and, indeed, of the whole British Empire are watching Malta in her struggle day by day, and we are sure that success as well as glory will reward your efforts."

BRITAIN AND PEOPLE OF ITALY

In the Commons yesterday, a member, Sir Stanley Reed, suggested that the Prime Minister consider definitely advising the Italian people of the British Commonwealth's being under no misapprehension about the purpose for which they were being called to fight.

Mr. Churchill recalled his recent broadcast and said he did not propose to add anything to it at the moment. — Reuter

DULLNESS OF STOCK EXCHANGE

Lack of enterprise was responsible for general dullness on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Industrials met with profit-taking but setbacks were mostly small. Rails also encountered offerings and oils and Kafirs shared the downward trend. Foreign issues eased but Czech-

COLONEL DROPS A BRICK

An "old school tie" controversy, which has been raging in the British newspapers for some days, reached Parliament yesterday.

The controversy was started by an allegation by Lt.-Col. Bingham in "The Times" that army officers from the middle classes had "fallen down on the job."

Yesterday Mr. M. K. MacMillan (Labour, Western Isles) asked Captain Margesson, the War Secretary, in the House whether disciplinary action would be taken.

Captain Margesson said King's Regulations forbade soldiers to publish press views on military subjects without special authority.

Lt.-Col. Bingham's attention had been called to this and a report, asked from him. Action to be taken would be determined after a reply was received. — Reuter.

Slovakian 8 per cents. rose from 30 to 32. Gift-edged occasionally hardened. Wall Street was irregular. — Reuter.

TOBRUK HEAVILY ATTACKED BY THE R.A.F.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the announcement that British forces had launched an attack on Tobruk it was announced in Cairo yesterday that the Italian seaport was heavily raided by bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. during the night on Sunday/Monday.

Several attacks, states a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East, were made and direct hits registered on marine repair ships and military barracks.

One artillery battery of four guns was silenced and many bombs fell on a camp of about 200 tents.

Anti-aircraft fire was intense but the British aircraft pressed home the attack.

British fighter patrols were active throughout Monday but no conclusive engagement with the enemy resulted.

A further raid was carried out on the aerodrome at Catania (Sicily) during the night of Monday/Tuesday.

Seven enemy aircraft on the ground, of which two were large twin-engined bombers, were seen to burst into flames.

Fires were started near administrative buildings and were visible over 60 miles away.

On the previous night the railway station at Brindisi was bombed but the results could not be fully observed owing to low cloud. It is believed, however, that considerable damage was done.

Valona Raid

In Albania, Valona was subjected to the heaviest bombing attack hitherto carried out in that region.

A heavy raid was made during the night of Sunday/Monday followed by further raids during the day.

A large explosion occurred in the target area and a number of fires were caused.

High explosive bombs fell on buildings and the foreshore, causing considerable damage.

Raids in Africa

The R.A.F. raided Assab and registered direct hits on a supply depot.

The South African Air Force successfully bombed Neghelli (Abyssinia), Administrative buildings and a surrounding motor transport park were set on fire and completely gutted and a number of vehicles in the car park were destroyed or damaged.

From all operations mentioned in the communique, our aircraft returned successfully.

The communique adds that the British fighter reported as not returned to base in a communique of January 19 is now reported safe. — Reuter.

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Mr. Joseph Kennedy Gives Views On Aid Britain Bill

HIGH TRIBUTE TO MORALE IN ENGLAND

A STATEMENT that Britain's leadership was divided on the question of the advisability of the United States becoming an active participant in the war, was made by the former Ambassador to London, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, testifying before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday on President Roosevelt's Bill for helping the Democracies.

Replying to questions Mr. Kennedy said some members of the British Government felt that if the United States entered the war it would "find a way to carry it through." Others believed that entry of the United States would be to the detriment of Britain's war effort, because it would slow down the flow of material aid from America.

"There is no unanimity on the question," declared Mr. Kennedy who added that many people in the British Government felt they were not yet getting all the aid they might normally expect from the United States.

Asked whether he expected a crisis to develop in the next 60 or 70 days, Mr. Kennedy said he did not know exactly what that meant and there were many things in the military situation, he did not understand.

For example he never understood why the German army permitted a British army of 300,000 to escape from Dunkirk.

If the German air force was as strong as they claimed, Mr. Kennedy thought they should have had a perfect chance to annihilate the British force.

Did Not Understand

He did not understand why the Germans had not wrought greater destruction in Britain's industrial centres.

Mr. Kennedy continued: "If they have the strength to capture the air superiority a crisis might come any day. So far they have not indicated that they have that strength."

Asked whether he knew the British war aims Mr. Kennedy replied he certainly did not.

A questioner then asked whether Mr. Kennedy thought something should be done to let the United States know the nature of these aims before further aid for Britain was proceeded with.

Mr. Kennedy said he did not understand the question and suggested it was one for the State Department.

British Socialism

Asked whether it was fair to the British people "for us to intimate" that the United States would aid in a possible Continental invasion, Mr. Kennedy replied: "I don't believe we have ever done that officially."

Representative Fish asked: "Is there any truth in reports that Britain is going Socialist?"

Mr. Kennedy said the Labour and Socialist countries were becoming more important. He added nobody had a right to assume that conditions would ever go back to what they were.

Paying a tribute to British morale, Mr. Kennedy said: "I can't imagine anything better. There is a great deal less turmoil there among the people than I have met in the United States. It is just a question of plain guts."—Reuter.

Food Parcels Delayed

The difficulty of getting food parcels by tortuous routes to sorely pressed British war prisoners in Germany was again raised in the House of Commons yesterday.

It was officially disclosed that over 250,000 parcels were despatched by the General Post Office during the past month and that during December 100,000 parcels and over 100 tons of food left Geneva for camps in Germany.

The War Secretary, Captain Margesson, said the special commissioner who had gone to Lisbon to investigate delays in the transmission of parcels had ascertained that parcels were seriously delayed in transmission across the Iberian Peninsula and France.

Ships had been chartered to convey parcels by sea direct to Marseilles or other convenient ports. Parcels had also been sent by a new overland route through Portugal, Spain and occupied France direct to camps in Germany, and if this route was successful it would be developed.—Reuter.

NO MARGIN TO SPARE IN COMING MONTHS

"IN THESE COMING months we shall need all our strength and courage and all the help that free people can give us. There is no margin to spare. Yet our faith in final victory is unshaken and we know we must win through."

So declared the new Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, speaking at the opening in London of the Czechoslovak Institute established by the British Council as a national centre for Czechoslovaks in Britain, now numbering some 15,000.

MIDLAND BANK BOMB HAVOC

Not a single safe or strong-room has been destroyed of the Midland Bank, one of the largest banks in Britain, with branches throughout the country.

This was disclosed by the Chairman, Mr. Reginald McKenna, in the annual statement circulated to shareholders yesterday in place of the usual speech, "in view of the possibility of the meeting being interrupted by an alert."

Nine branches of the Bank, Mr. McKenna said, have been completely wrecked and eight others severely damaged, but repair work will enable the staff to return to them shortly.—Reuter.

The King, in a message to President Benes at the opening, wrote: "The Institute will form a happy link between our two peoples in the pursuit of those ideals of liberty and justice to which both are so wholeheartedly attached."

Mr. Eden also declared it would not be long before the tyrant in whose clutches Czechoslovakia was held was utterly overthrown.

The Czechs were now fighting side by side with the forces of Britain, Poland and other Allies with the fire and determination of men who would not endure bondage.

From time to time he was greatly moved and encouraged by news of some noble act of opposition by those gallant Czechs who had now to suffer the rule of Hitler's Gestapo.

Anglo-Czech Friendship

Dr. Benes, in reply, expressed the Czech determination to increase and deepen Anglo-Czech friendship "once the world is rid of Hitler's vulgar gangsterism."

Referring to Mr. Eden's allusion to the struggle of Czechs at home against Nazi oppression Dr. Benes said: "They deserve your praise and will not fail you."—Reuter.

DELHI CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS

Valuable and far-reaching recommendations by the Delhi Conference are being dealt with in consultation between the British Government and other Governments concerned, declared Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, in reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Amery added he was not yet in a position to make a detailed statement.—Reuter.

INDIA WAR SUPPLY ORDERS

IN NOVEMBER WAR SUPPLY ORDERS TOTALING 15 MILLION RUPEES WERE PLACED IN BOMBAY PROVINCE AND A VAST MUNITION PROGRAMME IS WELL UNDER WAY, WITH 4.5 INCH GUNS BEING PRODUCED. HAND-GRENADES HAVE REACHED FULL EXPANSION AS HAVE

ECONOMIC PACT WITH CAMEROONS

An economic agreement relating to the French Cameroons has been concluded between the British Government and General de Gaulle's Council of Defence.

The British Government undertakes to purchase the total output of cocoa, palm kernels, palm oil, groundnuts and beniseed from the French Cameroons, as well as nearly the whole production of coffee and a large proportion of the production of bananas.

On these commodities and timber (regarding which a separate agreement is foreshadowed) the French Cameroons depend.

While ensuring the livelihood of the population the agreement gives Britain useful commodities it can absorb.

The agreement fixed the rate of exchange for the French Cameroons at 176,625 francs to the Pound, and the agreement is retrospective, covering the second year of the war.

A similar agreement relating to French Equatorial Africa is almost ready for signature.—Reuter.

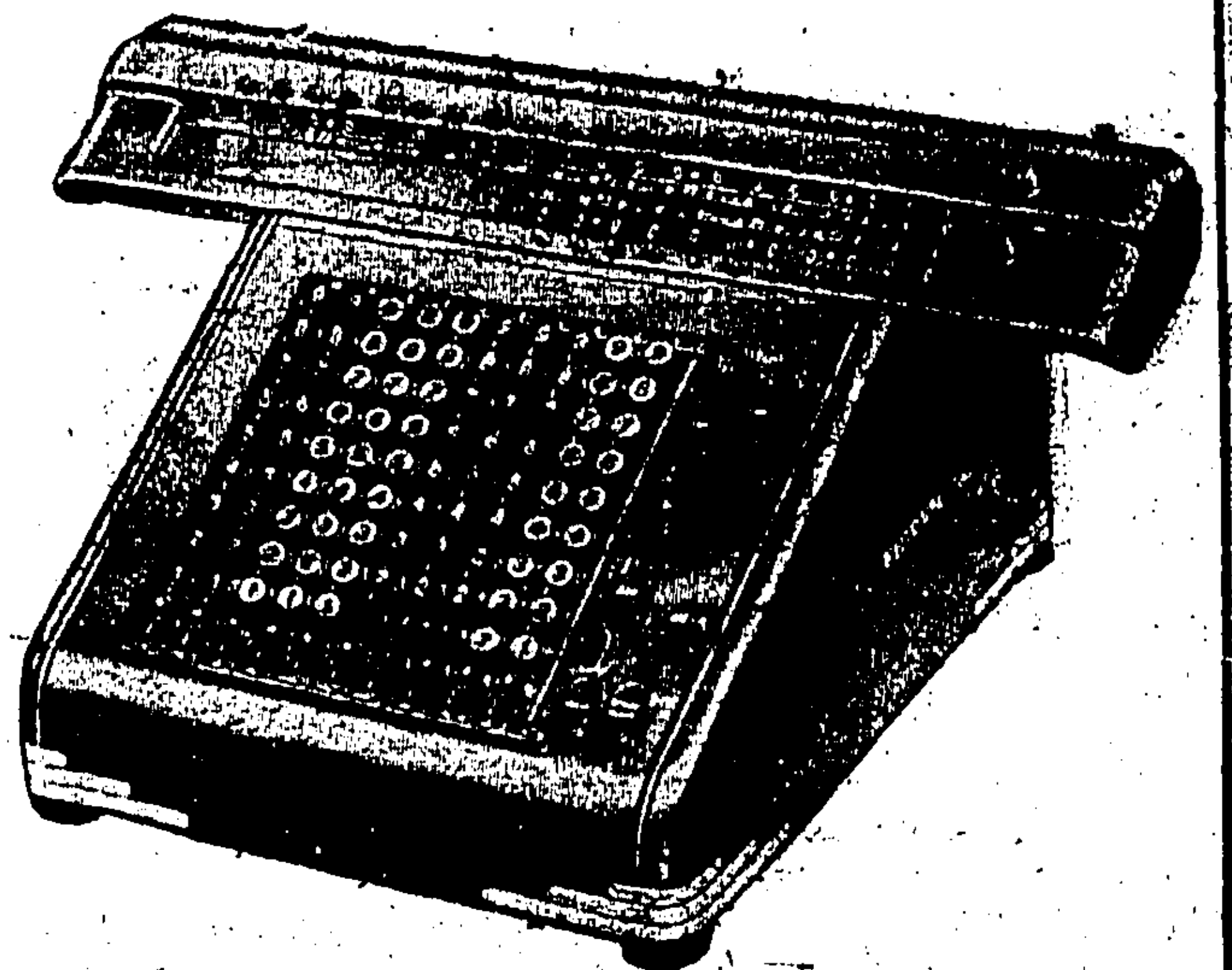
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An experimental order for land mines was also carried out.

The tempo of the all-India effort is similarly exemplified by the running of a special train every two days to deliver motor chassis to the builders.—Reuter.

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IMPERIAL TROOPS PRESSING DEEP INTO ERITREA

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at British General Headquarters, Cairo)

THE IMPERIAL TROOPS, pushing deeper into Italy's East African colony of Eritrea, were reported yesterday to have reached a point some 30 miles east of Kassala, the frontier post evacuated by the Italians on Sunday.

The retreating Italians, whose strength is now revealed to be no less than two divisions, are being hard pressed by British light armoured units and motorised infantry.

The pursuit continues day and night across hilly and difficult country.

Every effort is being made to maintain contact, and occasion-

ally British Bren-gun carriers are able to send a burst into the Italian "tail."

The Italians apparently are withdrawing as fast as they can, having covered 20 miles on the first day. Indian, Sudanese and British troops are taking part in the pursuit, it is learned.

Direction Of Retreat

Before their withdrawal the Italians were strung along a 100-mile front from Omager, where the frontiers of Sudan, Eritrea and Abyssinia converge, to a point 20 miles north-east of Kassala.

Direction of the retreat is towards Agordat, nearly 100 miles from the frontier.

Agordat is the terminus of Eritrea's only railway and the main point of communication for the frontier region with the important Red Sea port of Massawa. — Reuter.

LURES RAIDERS, DOWNS 3

A young soldier manning a machine-gun goaded a German bomber by firing at it in the hope that it would dive down at him and get within range of his gun.

It did. But it didn't get up again. Coolly he waited till he got it in his sights, fired, and shot it down. Two more dived down to punish him for his cheek. But with the same coolness and accurate gunnery he shot them down, too.

The gunner is only eighteen. He is Sapper Richard Etchells, a Canadian, who came to England shortly before the war and joined the Royal Engineers at the outbreak.

Sapper Etchells did this grand job when German planes were attempting to bomb an airport in south-east England.

He was very modest about it all when questioned by a reporter.

"When I saw the German machines attempting to dive-bomb us I gave a burst at the first machine, as he was rather high. I thought it would bring him lower," he said casually.

"This it did and he tried to get me, but he was unlucky. I gave him another burst and caught him amidstships.

"A second machine came down to dive-bomb us, but I gave him a burst which also caught him amidstships.

"They say I brought down a third, but I am not going to claim all that myself, although I believe I gave him a good hit just above amidstships.

"I must mention that our fighters and other anti-aircraft gunners played a great part, indeed."

An aircraftman said: "That young soldier was great."

"When I saw such a lot of German machines diving down to bomb us I did not feel too good, but when I noticed that lad coolly handle the gun and bring down three by himself, it thrilled me as nothing had ever done before."

"He stuck to his post bravely and made a successful attack on each plane as it dived down."

"I was glad when his officer expressed his warm appreciation."

Residents of a south-east England coastal area said that the sight of German planes dropping into the sea was amazing. At least twenty seemed to plunge into the Channel during one raid.

RICE IMPORTS INTO BRITAIN

From February 1, the Ministry of Food will be the sole purchaser of rice for importation into Britain, it was announced in London yesterday, according to Reuter.

JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE

JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE CONTINUED TO GROW IN 1940 DESPITE THE EUROPEAN WAR, AND THE VOLUME OF COMMERCE WITH NATIONS OUTSIDE THE YEN BLOC WAS ALMOST AS LARGE AS IN 1939.

Mr. Kawada, Minister of Finance, told this to the House of Representatives yesterday when he introduced the record-breaking 6,863,000,000 yen ordinary Budget.

Exports were 3,972,000,000 yen, increasing by one per cent, while imports totalled 3,709,000,000 yen, gaining 19 per cent. The favourable trade balance thus was 263,000,000 yen.—Reuter.

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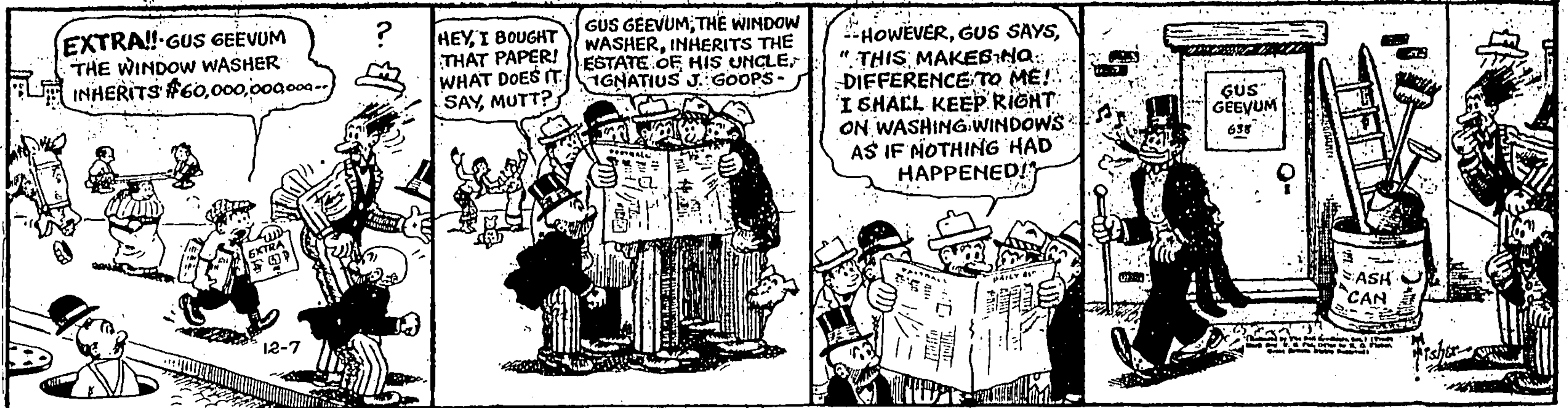
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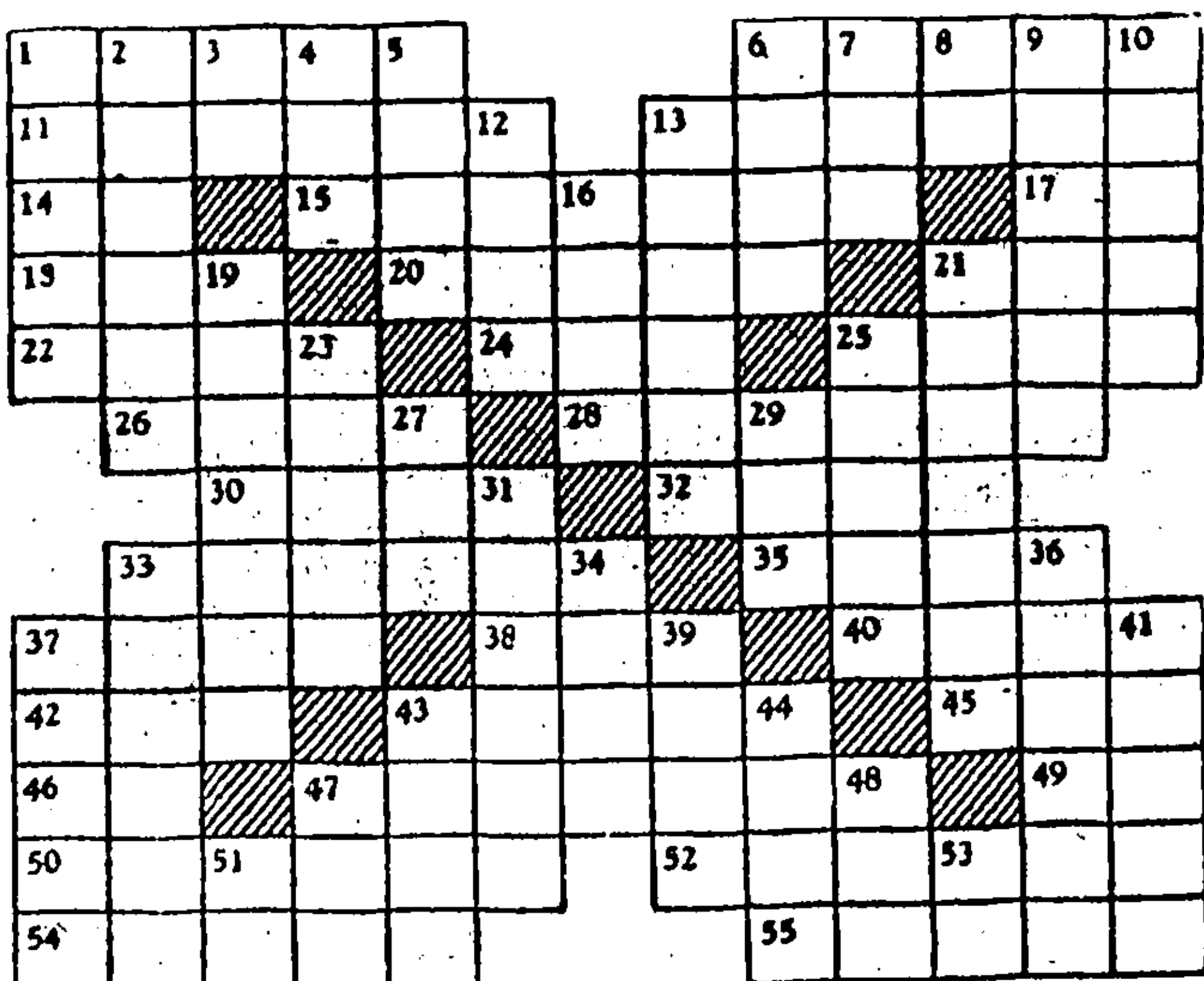
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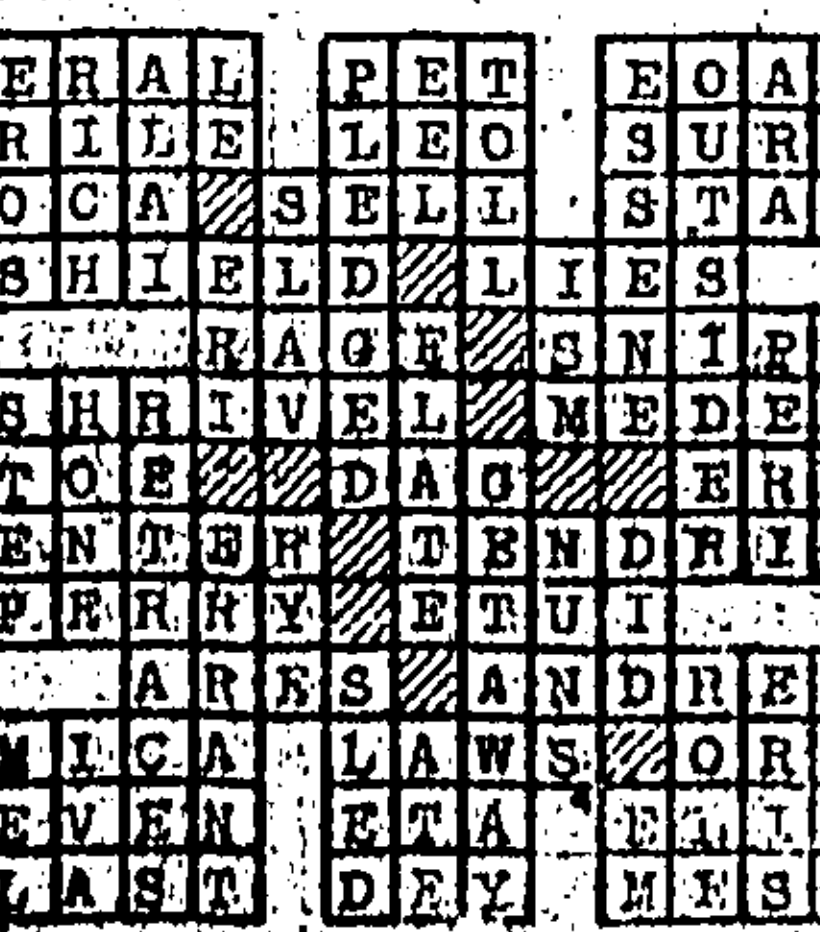
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1 Sudden outbreak
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6 Norse deity
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



S.P.C. MEETING

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Protection of Children, Mr. C. G. Solis assumed his appointment as Chairman for the current year and a hearty vote of thanks was expressed on behalf of the retiring Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam.

Mrs. Graham Cumming was welcomed to the Committee and the Society is grateful for Mrs. Cumming's offer to take over the post of Secretary of the Western Branch.

The Case Report for December showed that 385 children were introduced to the various Centres during the month and that the total number of cases under supervision at 31st December was 1,842, involving approximately 3,000 children. The Society's Inspectors paid 697 visits to homes during the month.

The Finance Statement indicated that the community were continuing to afford very satisfactory support to the Society, although expenditure in 1941 is not likely to fall short of \$28,000.

The Chairman expressed particular thanks to Mr. Li Po-chun for his handsome donation of \$1,200 towards the running expenses of the Ling Yuet Sien Creche for 1941.

GUN KILLS TWO AT EXHIBITION

A boy and a youth were killed and a woman, her daughter and another boy wounded when an anti-tank gun — part of an exhibition of war weapons — exploded at the City Hall, Sheffield.

The gun was being demonstrated to a crowd of visitors to the exhibition, which was being held in connection with the city's War Weapons Week, when it went off accidentally.

The two dead were Gordon Strange, fourteen, of Hartley Brook Road, Sheffield, and Allan L. Tucker, twenty, of Sheffield Road, Woodhouse. The injured are: Mrs. Ethel Sykes, forty-two, of Raisen Hall Road, Sheffield (arm wound); her daughter, Ethel, sixteen (wounded in thigh); and Allan Tame, fourteen, of Alderlane, Handsworth, Sheffield (leg wound).

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NEW TWIST TO GERMAN PROPAGANDA

(From A Diplomatic Correspondent)

DURING RECENT WEEKS many signs suggested that Hitler was planning a sudden propaganda campaign to confuse and unsettle American opinion on the eve of the election. He may still try to spring a surprise. If he does it is hardly likely to be the one he had planned.

After the collapse of France his propagandists tried to convince Americans that Great Britain was past help. A few weeks, they said, would see the destruction of British defences. When those tactics failed, and when both Presidential parties were seen to be at one in their determination to help Great Britain with an increasing flow of arms, Hitler and Goebbels quickly changed their appeal. Great Britain might not be defeated, but they set out to show that Europe could be organised as a large, happy family without Great Britain, or that Great Britain was the only disturber of the peace, the only lion in the path of the European pilgrims on the way to millennial bliss.

Before the Americans went to the polls Hitler hoped to announce the New European Order, giving the semblance of peace. His recent journeys to General Franco and to Marshal Petain were made partly to enlist their cooperation in the New Order, partly to secure military rights and strategic bases with which to pursue the war with Great Britain more effectively. But in neither meeting did he fully succeed in reaching his objectives. He had a friendly and exploratory talk with General Franco, but he quickly realised that there was no likelihood of General Franco's favouring the passage of German troops through Spain either to Spanish ports or to the Portuguese coast.

With Marshal Petain the talk seems to have been equally courteous; Hitler only once or twice raised his voice in anger. But in spite of the machinations of Laval, Marshal Petain hesitates to fall in with all Hitler's designs and in particular is loth to let the French Fleet be used against France's former ally. The result is that Hitler has been temporarily—possibly no more than temporarily—checked at two main points in Western Europe. In Southeastern Europe also, the Greeks refused to be brow-beaten by the Italians; and in this area not even a German propagandist can pretend that all is yet happy and well.

New Monroe Doctrine

Hitler's plan to announce the New European Order is therefore delayed. It would have been his grand appeal to Americans, suggesting that if they still helped Great Britain they would be denying to Europe the right to have the Monroe doctrine which they themselves upheld without question in the Western Hemisphere. Deprived of the chance of making this appeal in toto, he is nevertheless putting it forward in part. If his work is not yet complete (as he hoped to be able to announce), he is redoubling his efforts to persuade Americans and others that he is at any rate working in the right direction and that he has been sadly misjudged in the past.

Two particular lines of German propaganda abroad may be detected at the moment. The first, an adaptation of an old line, develops the theme that the New European Order, although delayed for a time, will soon come to usher in the Golden Age where there will be neither capitalist nor Bolshevik, bond nor free, but all will join for the common good.

"There will be no more economic nor nationalistic restrictions," declared a German broadcast to America the other day. "There will be no more unemployment, no more hunting for markets." In the Dutch broadcast at the same time it was reported that the Director of the I. G. Farbenindustrie had just "emphatically declared" that by Lebensraum Germany did not mean an area she wished to control; no, she simply wished to cooperate and trade freely for mutual benefit. Day by day the

same pleasant dreams are put forth.

Bait For American Catholics

The second, and newly developed, is even more cynical. From many centres in America and in Europe comes evidence that Hitler is trying to deceive and to win back religious opinion. There are well-authenticated accounts, for instance, of a mission to the United States undertaken for Hitler by Father Odo, otherwise Duke Carl of Wurttemberg, with the purpose of persuading American Catholics that Hitler is one of them and is fighting to give them fresh fields for conversion to Christian belief.

Only once (Hitler is quoted as saying to Father Odo) have I allied myself with the devil—with Stalin, when I signed the agreement with him in August, 1939. I must confess that for me personally this was the saddest day of my life, as many people thought that I had acted treacherously towards my own principles. But history will forgive me. I did this thing only for the greatness of Germany. All the whole world, will forgive me and will be grateful to me when I free the world from the Bolshevik beast.

We shall re-create the splendid tradition of the Crusades, we shall carry out our mission to bring civilisation to the east of Europe. A great field of activity will be opened up, and there will be a lot to do for the German Catholic clergy among people who have run wild and who have been robbed by Jews and Bolsheviks, not only of their land but of their God.

All the Christian nations must be called up and be recruited for the fight against Communism and against the whole concept of Jewish Marxism, which is just as much my enemy as it is the Church's. For this great end you must work among the leaders of Christianity in America. After a total war will come a total peace. Providence has assigned to us Germans the task of arranging the future European order, and we shall carry out the task well.

From Paris the German Controlled-wireless has lately broadcast declarations that Hitler has never been against the Churches. He may have persecuted all pastors and priests who preferred the Word of God to his own; he may have declared in the past, "We wish to have no other God but Germany," he may have brought up the German youth in godlessness; but let these things be forgotten; he now means well. So runs the appeal.

In Switzerland and other countries German diplomats and officials have lately declared to their neighbours in some bewilderment that they had just received orders from Berlin to teach their children religion until further notice. For years these officials were told that the Hitler Youth and all worthy German children must believe only in Germany and in Hitler. "Now, to fit in with the German propagandist scheme, there is to be a change. In Germany also since the war began Hitler has eased the restrictions



Sabu and John Justin have important roles in "The Thief of Bagdad," a Technicolor film coming soon to the King's Theatre.

upon some churches, and in particular has sought a new working agreement with the Catholic clergy.

Clearly, the second propagandist line is meant to help forward the first, the publicity about the happy new European Order. This publicity might have a better chance of success if it did not abound in self-contradictions. First, there is what foreigners are told about it: it is to be the Golden Age. Secondly, there is what Germans are told about it:—

We Germans are born to be masters of Europe and must conduct ourselves accordingly. (D.A.Z., 7/10/40.)

A lower race needs less clothes, less food, and less culture than a higher race. (Dr. Ley passim.)

The economic system of Europe must be organised to achieve the maximum of economic security to Germany and the highest possible standard of living for the German people. (D.A.Z., 7/10/40.)

We are the Herrenvolk! (Every German leader in every speech.)

What Happens in Practice

Thirdly, the greatest contradiction of all, there is what happens in practice. Recent articles in "The Times" have told in detail of the German process in each enslaved country. Everywhere the process is the same, although, generally speaking, it is applied more crudely and more brutally in Eastern Europe than in the West. Everywhere is the same evidence of looting or of purchasing with money of only temporary worth. Everywhere the Reichsmark is over-valued in relation to the currency of the enslaved country, to enable German soldiers or officials to buy more than they should. Wherever a country has had an independent industrial life, as in France, the Germans either deprive the industries of raw materials or adapt them to Germany's war needs. The seizure of foodstuffs is shown by the following quotations:—

The increased coffee ration in Germany has been made possible by the enormous stocks seized at Continental ports. (German Official News Agency, 4/9/40.)

Continually increasing fish exports to Germany now amount to 200 tons daily and involve the strictest economy in Norway. ("Syenska Dagbladet" 7/9/40.)

Hr. Olesen, chairman of the Danish Work organisation, has just explained publicly to his own people that Denmark has no option but to send large quantities of food to Germany:—

Many people (he said) consider that every kilogramme of produce leaving the country is being taken from us in a manner likely to undermine our existence. They would prefer to keep everything in Denmark in order to ensure, against a lack of food, that a black market is impossible. ("National Tidende," October 13, 1940, when Hr. Olesen, in a revealing phrase, later referred to the "forced realisation of our assets.")

Such examples, merely the latest of an endless list, confirm the nature of the New Order, which contains nothing either new or orderly. It is simply a return to the Old Disorder, the denial of any fair dealing, the helplessness of the weak before the temporarily strong, the destruction of independent relations among countries. Throughout European history there have been many who claimed to be establishing New Orders. Indeed, a clear statement of what European peoples are now fighting (Continued on Page 13)

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

THE HALIFAX APPOINTMENT

The American people have extended a cordial welcome to Lord Halifax as British Ambassador. They respect his ability, integrity and deeply religious sincerity, and they do not fail to recognise the great importance which Britain attaches to the Washington post, as implied by the appointment of the Foreign Minister to fill it. Considering the type of representation in London with which Mr. Roosevelt was for so long content, this is indeed a distinguished return. It has not, perhaps, made that intimate appeal to American opinion which might have been made by the appointment of some less conservative figure, some one less deeply identified with the "appeasement" of the Chamberlain era, of a wider popular appeal and less typical of the old tradition of British aristocratic officialism. But it is not easy to point to such a figure; while Mr. Churchill's problem in making the appointment was a complex one. If its real importance is to be found quite as much in its effect upon British policy at home as in its effect on American opinion, that was something for Mr. Churchill to decide.

Not the least valuable of the Prime Minister's qualities is his skill in so managing personal and party divisions within Britain as to keep a wholly united country behind him while at the same time freeing his administration for its great tasks. By appointing Lord Halifax to Washington he has not only removed another "Guilty Man" from his own government, and done so without invidious implications, but has been able to bring Mr. Eden back to the Foreign Office. This is a powerful move in the moral offensive upon the Mussolini regime; even more important, perhaps, it will tend to reopen real communications with the Russians. It has brought to the Foreign Office something of the boldness and imagination which it has lacked and won for it a confidence abroad, which under Lord Halifax it could never quite command.

And to say that Lord Halifax was not the ideal choice for the Embassy is by no means to say that he will not prove to be a very good one. He has one essential qualification which another man might have lacked; he can speak with unquestioned auth-

London, Nov. 13.—Lord Chadbourne, Britain's Dominions Secretary, said to-night that the post-war world must be based on a peace system having its own police force. This first more or less specific statement, by a member of the British Government as to what should be the shape of things to come, was made by the Viscount in a speech to Oxford University conservatives.

"The nations in the organisation," he declared, "must agree to some limitation of their sovereignty. This is an essential of the continuation of peace."

The Viscount explained that he did not mean an international force "in generally accepted terms," adding: "I mean a force contributed by the nations who subscribe to the principles which inspired the organisation to which they belong. This police force must have adequate machinery for removal of the causes of war."

Looking back over the last 20 years, we can now discern the causes which have hurled Europe once more into the cauldron of war. The conflagration may even spread until it has enveloped the whole world. Yet when the armistice was signed in 1918, there were few of us who did not believe that for at least a century there would not be another great war. The vast majority of people in every country were war weary; the masses hailed President Wilson as their deliverer, and the League of Nations as the commencement of a new era when war, with its misery and suffering, would be banished from the planet. Even the Germans were loud in their protestations of no more war.

As I write in this City of London, bombs are exploding all round, guns are booming and the nightly visitation has begun. So we can't help looking back, especially to those days immediately after the World War, when hopes ran high and when our leaders, led by President Wilson, appeared to be bending their energies to the establishment of a new order which would prevent the outbreak of new conflagrations, introduce principles of justice and law into the relationships of states, and make the world safe for democracy.

It is easy to recognise the mistakes which have landed us in a new Armageddon. There were two cardinal errors. The first that although President Wilson had declared that "If the moral force of the world will not suffice, the physical force of the world shall," the League was constituted without teeth. Article 16 of the Covenant provided for sanctions against the aggressor, but no attempt was made to organise what Wilson described as "the major force of mankind" to prevent the outbreak of war.

The machinery necessary to apply the brake and deter the aggressor by imposing economic, financial, and military sanctions was never developed. No International Police Force was set up which could act with promptness and vigor, should the necessity ever arise.

National States still retained control over their own forces and armaments which the framers of the Covenant intended should be pooled and controlled by the League for one purpose only — to assert the rule of law and prevent any country, large or small, from attacking its neighbours.

Secondly, Article 18, which recommended the peaceful revision of treaties from time to time, remained a pious aspiration, and no

authority in Whitehall. Though he was Mr. Chamberlain's apologist in the "appeasement" era, the completeness of his conversion is as undoubted as was that of Lord Lothian. His ability and authority should serve well to keep relations between the two great democracies upon a secure plane of clarity and candour — in this world crisis the most vital single undertaking before the English-speaking world.

Wanted: Policemen For A New World

By LORD DAVIES

Founder of the New Commonwealth Society, a Movement for Establishing an International Police Force.

effective machinery was created to give effect to its provisions. No attempt was made to establish an Equity Tribunal composed of impartial persons who would be able to deal with disputes which could not be settled by negotiation and conciliation. It suffered the same fate as Article 16.

Unfortunately, at the outset America deserted her offspring — the League — and without her active support the "major force of mankind" could not operate effectively. Thereafter the League degenerated, more and more, into a mere talking shop, and instead of developing into a real international authority, which could dispense justice, and if necessary guarantee its enforcement, it gradually lost its moral

authority and, when the crisis came, was impotent to stem the tide of aggression. The dictators — Mussolini and Hitler, backed by Japan — never lost an opportunity of weakening, and ultimately destroying, the League.

To-day, we are paying the price for our folly, complacency and wishful thinking. Now we realise that everything which we as free and democratic communities hold dear, is at stake. We must fight this war to the bitter end, because there can be no compromise with evil — no patched-up peace with Herr Hitler. Such a peace would only be an armed truce; the starting point of a new war for the destruction of our liberties and our democratic institutions.

To-day, we here in Britain are holding the fort. France has capitulated. The British Commonwealth alone is left to play the part of the International Policeman. We have no desire to annex territories, nor do we seek economic advantages. But we cherish our free and representative institutions, and are determined to put an end to gangsterism in Europe. It is only natural that we should confidently look to the United States for assistance in this stupendous struggle.

There are two reasons why we should do so. The first is that the United States of America has always been regarded as the champion of democracy and the exponent of federalism. The greatest contribution of Britain to the progress of civilisation has been the development of representative government; the outstanding achievement of the United States has been the growth of federalism. The existence of both is now threatened by the dictators in Berlin and Rome.

Secondly, there was a time when America was regarded as the foremost protagonist of law and order in the world. Thirty years ago, in the days of Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Elihu Root and other stalwarts, the American people supported the principle of arbitration for the settlement of international disputes. In 1910 United States Congress passed a resolution demanding the establishment of an International Navy and requested President Taft to submit this proposition to the governments of Europe. Sir Edward Grey, Britain's Foreign Minister, promised British sympathetic consideration, but the Kaiser and his henchmen in Berlin rejected it.

How different the history of the intervening period might have been if this proposal had been accepted. Instead of two major wars in 25 years, we might have enjoyed peace and unprecedented prosperity.

The essential problem still remains unsolved. How are we to put an end to international racketeering? It is clear that should Herr Hitler win this war, the gangsters will be on top. Having, in rapid succession, put every country in Europe on the spot, it would be very difficult to dislodge them. That is why there can be no compromise. It is a fight to the finish.

There can be no rule of law, no justice, no freedom, so long as they are in possession of their ill-gotten plunder. On the other hand, even when Herr Hitler and his Nazis are defeated, it is impossible for the British Commonwealth alone and unaided to police the world. That is a task which must be undertaken by the major force of mankind.

If at the end of the war, the American Republic and the British Commonwealth are prepared to combine their air forces, just as years ago, it was proposed by Congress to pool their navies, the problem would be solved, under the control and direction of a policing commission, appointed by, and responsible to, Congress and the Parliaments of the British Commonwealth. It could supervise a scheme of general disarmament — it could ensure and if necessary insist upon the creation of machinery for the peaceful settlement of all disputes. In short, it would become the foundation stone of the rule of law, and put an end to international racketeering.

During the period of reconstruction, and until the New Order had been fully established, it would be entrusted with the duties of an International Policeman. And when the transition period of say 10 or 20 years came to an end, other nations who signified their desire to participate in the maintenance of law and order could be enrolled as members of the International Force and contribute to its maintenance — a new League, but a League with power and authority.

Before this war is over, the combined air forces of the British Commonwealth and the United States may reach the figure of 50,000 planes or even more. And when the dictators have been finally vanquished, why should we repeat the mistakes of 20 years ago? Why should we then disperse these knights of the air whose services can be enlisted, not only to give us victory now, but also to establish a durable peace in the future.

Greece Fights For Democracy

By James Ross

Out of the somewhat bewildering events in the Balkans there emerge a few concrete facts; sufficient, perhaps, to provide the basis for an attempt at an analysis. First, Italy's invasion of Greece has brought about the fourth set-back — and perhaps the most serious so far — to Axis plans since the present war began. No matter how

the struggle ends, history will probably record that in the long run Germany's failure to obtain a complete Canea in the Battle of France was a definite jolt to the juggernaut. Next ranks the failure to invade England; whether it was ever attempted is beside the point. Thirdly, the British Navy's attack on the French fleet at Oran prevented increase of German sea power. Now comes Mussolini's stupid blunder.

Why stupid? Because, with complete misconception of the factual employment of both air and sea power, he threw Greece into the hands of Britain, with the net result establishment of British air bases at points halving the previous distance between southern Italian ports and British bases, and setting them aside his African line of communications at its most sensitive point — the Strait of Otranto and the Ionian Sea. Incidentally, he also placed British air power within easy range of his Albanian communications.

Whether or not this be viewing the Balkan scene with rose-tinted glasses, the fact remains that no sooner was Grecian terrain open to England than the Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm went into action — the former against the Italians struggling in the mountain passes of the Pindus range, the latter in its brilliant coup of torpedoing from the air a considerable proportion of the Italian fleet in the harbour of Taranto.

Out of Mussolini's sending of a boy to do a man's job, as his so far abortive invasion of Greece appears to have been, another significant fact emerges. The Rumanian oil fields are now within range of British bombing planes based in Greece. Added to this is the loss of "face" by Italy, which may go far in stiffening Yugoslavia's attitude. And, after all, through that country lies the royal road to invade Greece and Turkey.

It is amazing that these considerations should not have been thoroughly weighed by Axis general staffs, prior to Italy's move. Perhaps they were. There is some indication, though from Greek and Yugoslavian sources, which may be biased, that Italy expected no Grecian resistance. One can only surmise on this, of course.

In any event, Mussolini has split quite a few beans, which Hitler must pick up. Hence the frantic efforts to spread Axis domination in other parts of the Balkans, the inclusion of Hungary, and the probable inclusion of Bulgaria and Rumania. The last named, of course, was already

under German domination except for the barrier erected by the Soviet land-grab of Bessarabia. The Hungarian alliance is the most significant of these moves, since it throws wide the main highway southward through the Balkans.

To understand this, one must examine the physical geography of that area. From Vienna south to Belgrade in Yugoslavia the natural path of conquest is down the Danubian valley, thence up the Morava valley to Skopje, thence south again down the Vardar valley to Salonika. East from Nis runs nature's pathway into the Maritza through Bulgaria and down into the Turkish plain. And a Yugoslavia which might well under present circumstances make a bold stand against Italy's one real gateway into the country — the Pear Tree Pass leading into the Sava valley — could not withstand for long the body-blow of a German invasion via Hungary. Such a move would of course be facilitated by a complacent Bulgaria, greedy to obtain a few crumbs from the Axis table, and would be a grave threat to Turkey in Europe.

However, when it is recalled that Soviet Russia has thus far matched every German eastward move by a "cooperative extension" which now reaches from the Baltic to the Black Sea, one might speculate upon what means Russia would seize to erect further barriers of protection. A Germanic littoral on the Black Sea and Germanic domination of the Dardanelles would spell one more frustration of age-old Russian ambitions for an all-weather sea lane to the Atlantic via the Mediterranean.

Axis propaganda thunder rumbles loudly further to the west, with all outward indications pointing to a move into Spain, or Spanish cooperation in direct attack upon Gibraltar, with the objective of cutting the British Mediterranean life-line and, by use of Spanish western ports and air bases, dominating the Atlantic sea lanes by submarine and by air.

Let us examine this threat. If successful, it would be a heavy blow to the British Empire. Two things mitigate against success, however. In the first place, Spain is to-day in no condition to wage a major operation of warfare against Gibraltar. In the second place, Spain, already almost at starvation's door, could not support an Axis expeditionary force. That Germany must make some move to retrieve the Mediterranean situation is indicated. That it will be either through Spain or through the Balkans is further indicated. Either operation must be alighted by an ever-lengthening line of communications. Simultaneous moves both ways violate the principles of simplicity and of economy of force. When to these points be added the fact that the Rumanian oil supply, vital to both Italy and Germany, is menaced so long as British air power has Grecian bases, the scales tip in the direction of the Balkans. Further prediction comes into the realm of pure conjecture.

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BALLOONS AT SEA

(From A Special Correspondent)

"WE ARE WAITING for the long-promised invasion," said Mr. Churchill. "So are the fishes." And so is the Royal Navy at the invasion ports, waiting to pounce and destroy the fleets of barges launched on their reckless gambles.

Wintry weather has brought new conditions and new problems. Mists and drizzle envelop the sea one day to conceal the Nazi armada. Next day a gale lashes the water into a cauldron that makes barge invasion seem fantastic. The Navy keeps its ceaseless watch by night and day, and as I stand gazing out to sea at the dark grey silhouettes of warships slipping through the haze I realise thankfully the strength of Britain.

As comrades in arms here the British Navy has Norwegian and Dutch sailors, embittered men separated from their families, temporarily banished from their countries, men who have sworn never to give up the struggle till the common enemy is defeated.

A Dutch officer said to me: "We are not fighting for one system against another. We are not fighting to recover our country, and we shall never surrender. If the Nazis penalise our families we shall fight with still greater ferocity till one day victory is ours."

This officer was married just before the Blitzkrieg against Holland began and has not seen his young wife since.

A Maritime Piccadilly Circus

And while waiting the Navy does its workaday jobs. I raced out this morning in an R.A.F. pinnace when a convoy was assembling in a heaving sea, a half-gale blowing. On the pier I noticed the admonition "Book early" as I jumped aboard for a "trip round the fleet." Craft of all types, from dirty coasters to warships with raking lines, were moving according to some plan that baffled a landsman. It was like a maritime Piccadilly Circus, and there was even a large notice bearing traffic instructions floating on a buoy. Signal lamps winked incessantly on some of the warships and others flew signal flags.

The strangest craft of all is that which has nothing else for

cargo but a barrage balloon, a mammoth unmanageable pig wallowing in the sky and tearing at its moorings. These balloons carried with the convoys have proved their worth time and time again in scaring off the dive-bombers.

By courtesy of the R.A.F. commanding officer here, a Canadian wing commander with wings and medals of the last war on his tunic, I boarded several of these balloon barrage ships, the newest branch of the Navy, and a sea-going section of the R.A.F. Three R.A.F. men go to sea with each of these balloon-carriers. The crews consist chiefly of hardy fishermen from such places as Yarmouth, Lowestoft, and Grimsby. And sometimes among the weathered veterans there are young men going to sea for the first time, having volunteered for naval service when they registered.

One ship I boarded was in peace-time a cargo ship plying between Weymouth and the Channel Islands, now painted battleship grey. I wondered what the young civilians on board made of their rough-and-ready sleeping quarters and how soon they found sea legs. The naval skipper told me that they were a splendid lot.

There was no time for further investigation for the ship had begun to move off into station and I had to leap hurriedly back into the pinnace. As the pinnace continued bucking and plunging through the swell, great waves smothering the cockpit with spray, other balloon ships were pointed out and their histories retailed. One had been a Belgian trawler, another a Scottish herring drifter, and so on. Then we boarded a ferry barge that takes these balloons from the shores to their floating stations and back again. Formerly it carried ballast up and down the Thames.

The crew of five R.A.F. men are accommodated in a commodious cabin which has plenty of head-room and where, when I dropped in, cook was preparing the mid-day meal on a stove that looked exactly like an old-fashioned kitchener from the suburbs. It was a warm, comfortable place, with bunks round the side. No luxurious fittings, bare boards and no spit and polish, but the men like it better than a shore station.

The Major Enemy

Some of these barges and balloon drifters are moored permanently in such places as the Thames estuary, and their crews have endured great hardship in their grand isolation, more from wind, weather, and the rolling ship than from the enemy. Now those who could not conquer their sea-sickness have been weeded out, and the rest are happy in their unusual job.

They have settled down to a regular routine of a fortnight ashore and forty-eight hours ashore, these bank clerks, artisans, and business men of civil life, who little thought they could spend their time as lonely as light-house-keepers. In the winter the storms beat upon them and even ice-floes float past in the bitter cold. Sometimes the balloons are driven with such velocity by the wind that they are torn away. Their life is a constant struggle with the elements.

After we had landed at the pier again I noticed a barbed-wire enclosure, dedicated to the balloon barrage arm of the R.A.F., where some wit has placed the zoological notice: "Collection of reptiles. Python, boa constrictor, whip snakes, iguana, lizards, monitors, &c." That is what the balloon men think of their unwieldy charges, but I wonder what the Nazi air-men think?



Jane Duprez, who is the heroine in "The Thief of Bagdad," coming soon to the King's. The film is in technicolour.

MINED SHIPS SAIL AGAIN

(From A Correspondent)

This morning I stood on the bridge of a mined merchant ship, her decks awash with an evil mixture of oil and water. She is one of many vessels that will survive to sail again, thanks to the pluck and endurance of a little-known body of men—the salvage workers.

She lay there, stern under water, engine-room flooded, with the salvage team already busy on the forward deck, which slanted out of the water as the tide permitted. I was watching the first act in a rescue drama with a cargo ship as heroine and men in sea-boots and woollen caps as the gallant knights—a rescue being carried out under the nose of the Nazi dragons.

Her cargo consisted of a large quantity of cereals, and the first task was to lighten her by removing it sack by sack. I saw the sodden bags hoisted one by one on to the deck of a coasting steamer alongside.

Luckily nothing disturbed the serenity of the blue sky, though the sound of distant firing was borne on the wind.

Constant Vigilance

We had had one slight shock, however, as we came alongside in a trim little naval yacht with its Lewis gun cocked skywards and a stock of depth charges in the stern. One of the naval ratings pointed to an object a hundred yards away that closely resembled a periscope.

It turned out to be a stick, floating for some mysterious reason in an upright position.

Much of this particular cargo, though spoiled by sea water and oil, can be used for pig and cattle food. When some of the first bags were recovered it was found that the sea water had only penetrated a comparatively short distance, forming a hard rind, while the remainder was untouched.

A diver stood by ready to make a first descent to estimate the full extent of the damage below. Then he will plug the holes or fix plates over them, the water will be pumped out and the ship towed into dry dock. In a few weeks time another ship snatched from its sea grave will begin a new career.

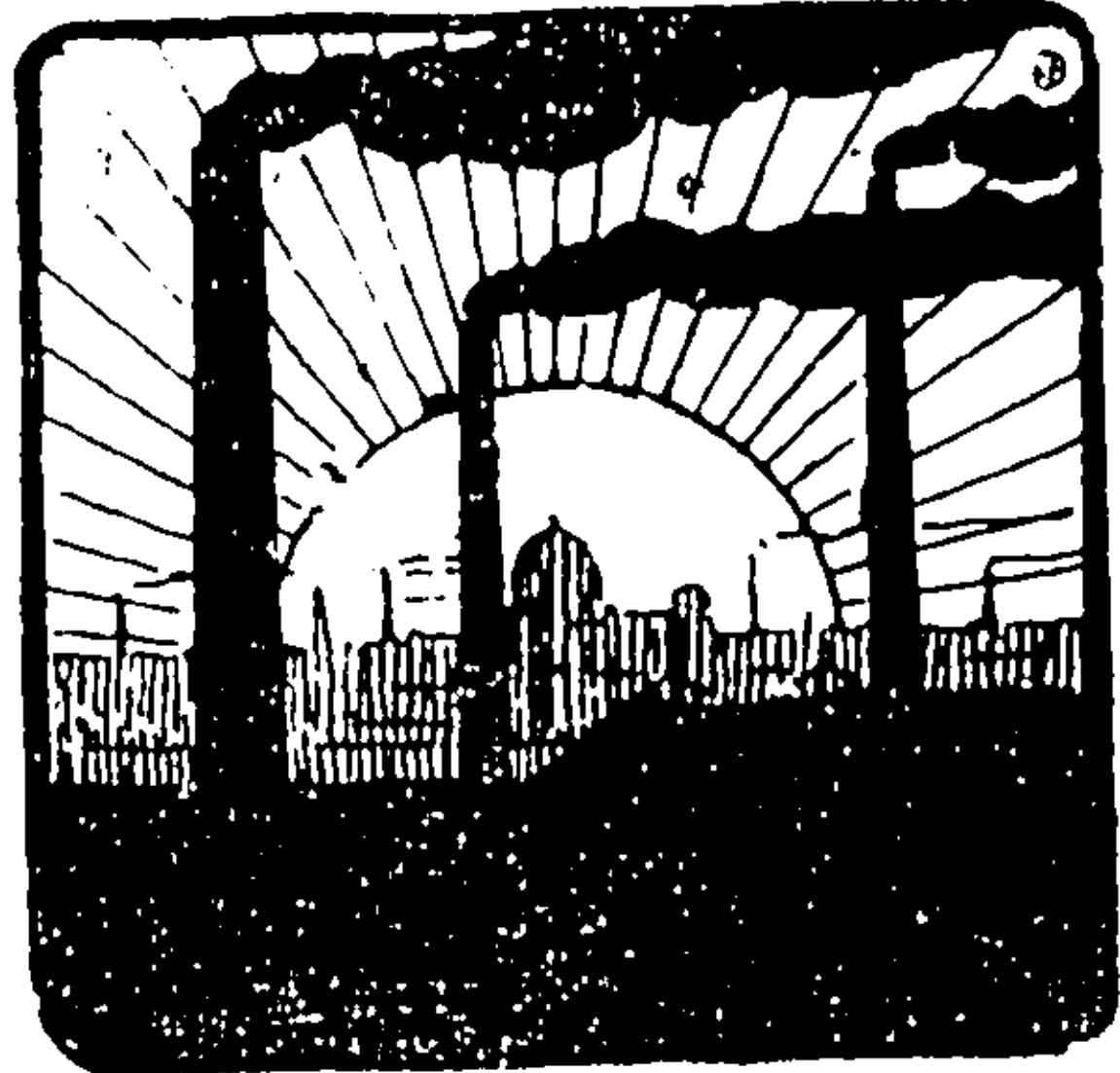
Oil And Slime

I gained the bridge by scaling a rope ladder, and the First Officer showed me the desolation of the cabins, where everything in dismal disorder was covered with a thin film of oil and slime. At the water swirled and bubbled out of the hold. We slithered across the greasy deck almost up to our knees in water in a vain attempt to see the water-logged engine-room.

The ship was mined about tea-time one day. She showed no disposition to founder immediately. Water gushed into the engine-room and attempts to pump it away failed. The get-away, in good weather, was then a comparatively leisurely affair, and the officers and crew saved most of their belongings.

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NAZI NETWORK IN UNITED STATES

(By A Correspondent)

LATEST INDICATIONS in New York and Washington are that the U.S. authorities now have a mass of information about Nazi espionage, sabotage and propaganda organisation in the United States.

Hundreds of investigators have been sending in reports on what turns out to be a fantastic network the methodical Nazis have stretched across the continent.

LOCAL EFFECT OF BLAST DAMAGE

Through eye and ear we have all learnt much about bombs and their effects during the past weeks, writes a Home Correspondent, and the blitzkrieg has been particularly fruitful in yielding knowledge to the scientists of the Civil Defence Research Committee.

Experimental work on blast and other effects, carried out with the aid of delicate apparatus, has upset many preconceived ideas and popular beliefs.

Blast is not so terribly destructive as was generally held, but that is only because its effects are very local. It creates in the immediate vicinity of the explosion a wind six times as violent as the tornado, credited in America with an air speed of 500 miles an hour, but the wind, which is really the gas from the bursting explosive, is very short-lived.

4,000ft A Second

Beyond a distance of 30ft from the burst of an ordinary bomb of, say, 500lb weight it fades away rapidly, and at 50ft is almost innocuous, so far as destructive effect on buildings is concerned. Splinters from the burst will still have a velocity of 4,000ft. per second at 50ft, nearly four times the speed of sound.

With a radius of 10 yards the blast exerts its full force: from the point of view of effect anywhere in that circle counts as a direct hit. Blast alone, however, is not believed to be lethal, except at very close range.

It might kill through shock to the heart or lesions of the lungs owing to the mouth having been closed, but not through the mere velocity of the gas.

Immediately behind the gas there follows a pulsating air wave and the first pulsation appears to be always inwards towards the bursting point. House fronts which collapse on the edge of a bomb crater generally fall, or rather are pulled, outwards.

It used to be held that up to a certain distance blast blew windows in and beyond that distance or round the corner, sucked them out. There is now known to be a violent to-and-fro wave. Many of the freak effects of which we hear so often are due to this.

In one case, authenticated by the researchers, the blast blew in the window of a room. The door immediately opposite was pulled open by the following suction pulse and the glass from the shattered window passed through into the passage beyond.

Earthwaves

Besides creating a momentary tornado many times as violent as nature's, a high-explosive bomb gives birth to an earthwave such that only solidly-built structures within the direct-hit zone can withstand it.

But here also, as in the case of the blast wave in the air, the effects rapidly grow less farther away from the bursting point. The direct-hit zone varies with the nature of the soil, and of course with the size of the bomb. But with a heavy bomb it does not extend much more than 30ft.

Windows are shattered easily

These investigators have been working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for the Department of Justice, for the Dies Committee (set up by Congress to assemble evidence of subversive activity) and for District Attorneys' offices in separate States and cities. A story that has recently come from Washington is that both the Federal Bureau and the Dies Committee have gathered such potent material that the State Department has had to take a hand.

"Dynamite"

The State Department is understood to believe that publication of the facts now might create a storm sufficient to affect U.S. policy -- even to the extent, someone has suggested, of making possible a public demand that diplomatic relations with Germany should be broken off.

Correspondence files of Nazi organisations have been seized in New York. Simultaneously, Federal agents have been busy in San Francisco, New Orleans, Boston and other important cities.

In Wall Street

Authorities are also still investigating information privately submitted, and ranging from details of the working of the Gestapo in New York to charges of Fifth Column activity against individuals in Wall Street offices.

One member of the Dies Committee recently disclosed, for example, that the German American Bund has been found to have 600 members or sympathisers in industrial plants in the east which are working on rearmament contracts.

Existence has also been established of an organisation working in the eastern and Gulf ports to disaffect crews of ships carrying supplies to Britain.

BISHOP ON "ABJECT FAILURE" OF THE POPE

The Bishop of Chelmsford (Dr. Henry Wilson) has replied to critics of his recent address to Chelmsford Diocesan Conference, in which he referred to "the abject failure of the Pope to give spiritual guidance to the people who look to him for spiritual leadership," and added that the Papacy was anti-British and anti-Democratic.

In his Diocesan Chronicle letter, Dr. Wilson said: "I was particularly referring to the Pope's silence since Italy entered the war. Despite the many violent letters I have received I regret I cannot modify this."

"The Pope is an Italian living in Rome under the shadow of Mussolini. He has to guide him the most astute masters of foreign policy, and it would be remarkable indeed if he were not to follow the example of many of his predecessors and endeavour to turn things to his advantage."

by blast, but much less easily, if they are slightly open or free to rattle.

One of the most curious blast effects was seen when a bomb struck a block of flats in London some days ago. It cut the building in two, with the result that people in the street could see half of two bedrooms, with the beds undamaged but perilously near the edge.

BOYS' "TORCH" A BOMB

The "Two young dare-devils of —" (a London suburb), they call them, and no wonder.

They put out dozens of blazing incendiary bombs during a recent night's raid, and maybe saved an important building from a bombing attack.

So fearless are these boys that they picked up one blazing bomb by its nose and used it as a torch.

Dennis Keep, fifteen, and his fourteen-year-old chum, Joe Simms, live next door to each other. Every night when the sirens go they dash off on their bicycles to see if they can give a hand in bomb fighting.

Bread-Basket Overhead

But this was their first real break. While they were near a park a Molotov breadbasket exploded over their heads.

"Pedalling like blazes," as young Dennis put it, they reached the spot in a few seconds.

"We saw the best thing to do was to smother them with earth, but we had nothing to carry it in, so we tore off our jerseys and used them as sacks."

"Two soldiers who were there helped us, and between us we put out more than fifty bombs."

While they were working on these, three high explosive bombs fell about 100 yards away, but the boys carried on.

"When the boys came in," said Mr. Charles Keep, Dennis's father, "they each had a dozen incendiary bomb fuses strung on handkerchiefs just like so many fish."

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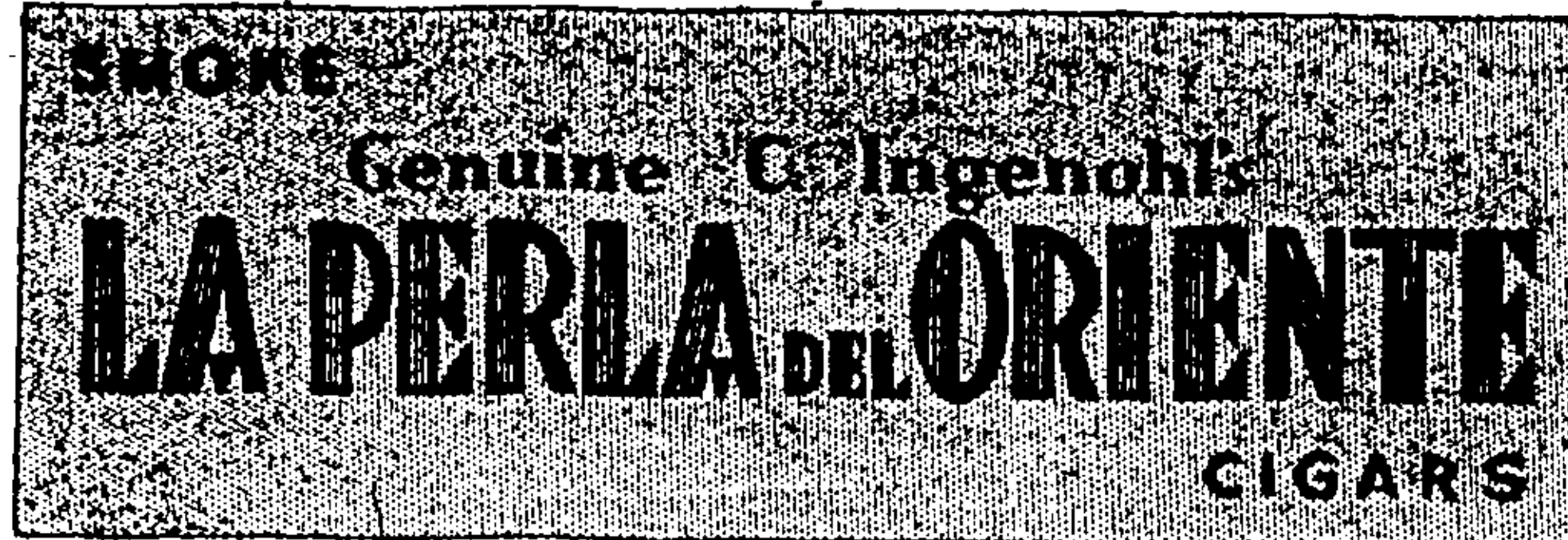
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By The Four Aces

One of the marks of the beginner is an undue haste to use his own small trumps by ruffing. This seldom increases the trick-taking power of the hand, since those trumps would be good whether Declarer ruffed with them or simply led them from his own hand; and very often premature ruffing with small trumps so weakens Declarer's trump suit that he loses control of the hand.

Nevertheless, situations occasionally arise in which it is correct for Declarer to seek as many ruffs as he can get. For example:

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 7 6 3
♥ Q
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ Q 7 5 2

♠ 10 8 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ 7 3
♣ Q J 7 4

♠ A K J 9 4
♥ 8
♦ 10 5 2
♣ K J 9 3

W N
E S

♠ 5
♥ A K 6 5 4 2
♦ K 9
♣ 10 8 6 4

The bidding:
East South West North
1♠ 2♥ Dbl. Pass
Pass Pass

After his woefully weak double had been passed all around, West led the ten of spades, holding the trick. He continued the suit and South ruffed. South realised that his small trumps were not natural trick-winners, so embarked on a campaign to make them by ruffing.

The first step was to enter dummy with the Queen of hearts and ruff a third round of spades. Then South cashed the King and Ace of diamonds, and ruffed a third round of diamonds with his last small trump. Six trump tricks and two high diamonds thus gave him his contract. Note that West could have defeated the contract by shutting to trumps at the



The life of the party is often the headache of the family.

second trick and leading trumps every time he gained the lead.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 6
♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 9 7 0
♣ K Q 4

The bidding:
You Schenken Jacoby Maier
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
(7)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. That bid does not show any strength in excess of your opening bid; it merely confirms the spade suit. To bid one no-trump denies the spade support and may seriously interfere with whatever bidding follows.

Score 100% for two spades, 50% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 620

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

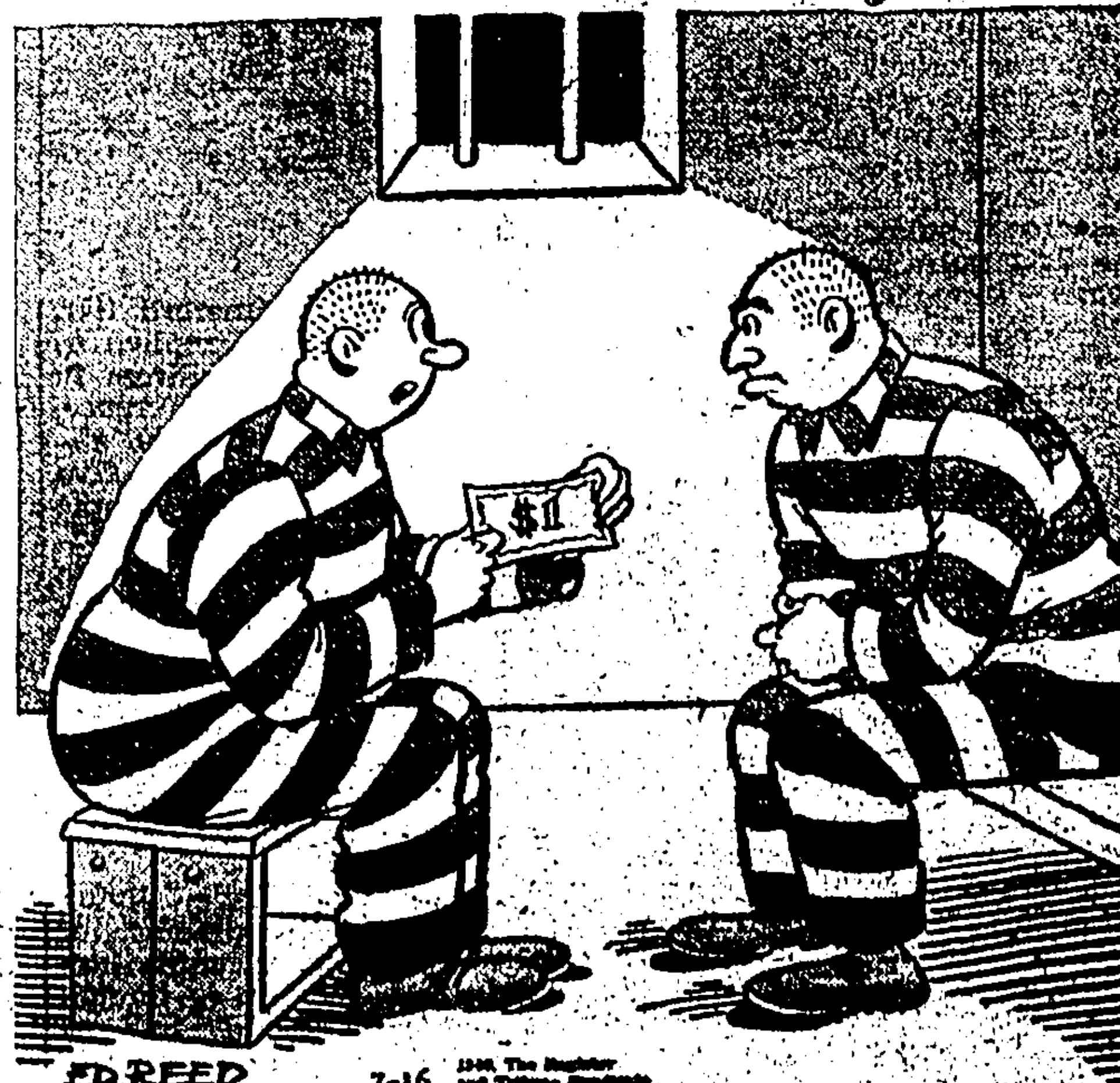
♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 10 4
♣ A J 2

The bidding:
Maier Jacoby You Schenken
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass (7)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



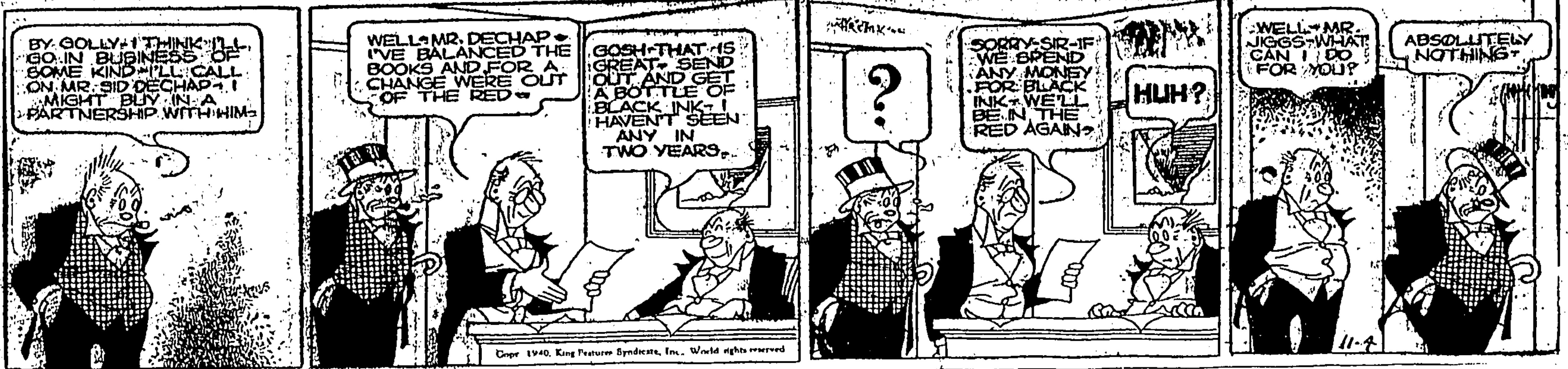
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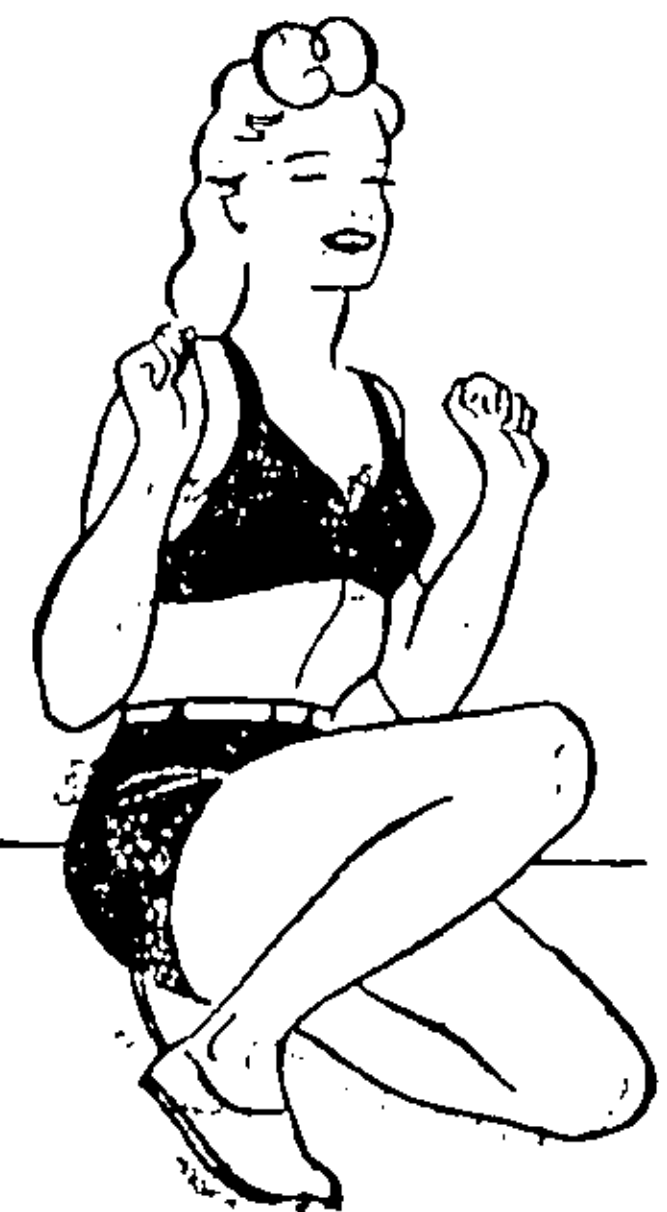
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Exercise Rather Than Diet

To put women quickly into pretty shape Dorothy Gray's Salon in New York has whipped up a special refashioning course of exercises from which we have borrowed to help you reduce a too-large hip and thigh measurement.

This salon stresses exercise more than dieting to slim hips and thighs. They claim that if one dieted sufficiently to reduce hips and thighs quickly, one's face would look strained and other figure measurements would suffer. In fact this salon is very firm about taking diligent care of your skin and hair while you are reducing for they are convinced that too many women neglect the necessary beauty routine while they are reducing. The consequences you are familiar with!

Reducing Exercise



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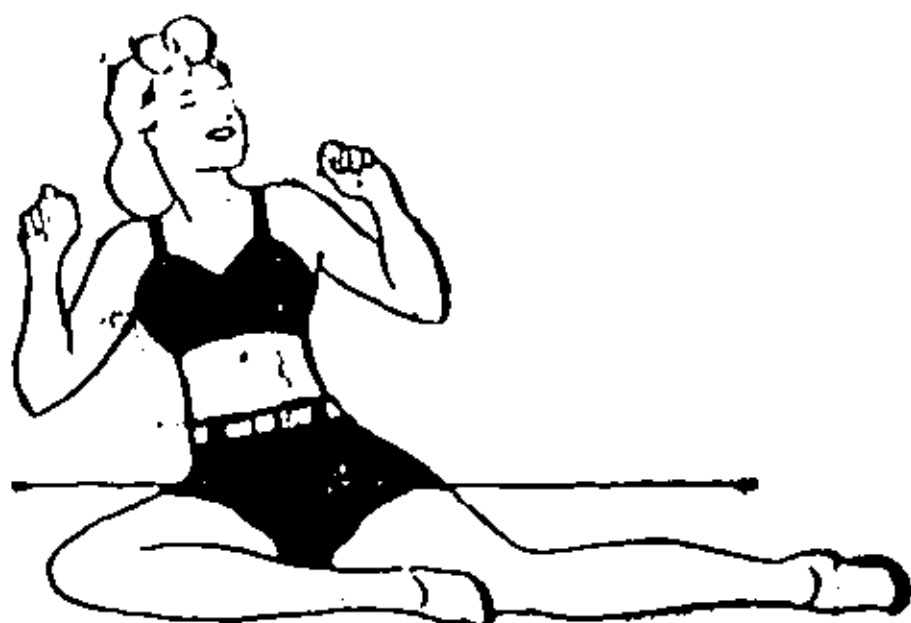
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When you have walked forward in this position for three or four minutes, then walk backward. Move quickly so both legs are in action at the same time. Naturally the more rapidly you can move about the more quickly your hip measurement will decrease!

Another Slimmer



THE THRESHER—for slimming below the waistline.

This exercise is difficult to comprehend but not so difficult to do.

You must, however, have a large cleared space in which to throw your legs about.

Sit with left leg outstretched to side, right knee bent so right foot touches left thigh. Raise hands and arms, chest and head so your spine will be in good position—you may bend your elbows.

Now by balancing and rolling the body on the buttocks, lift both legs off the floor at once and swing them to reversed positions which means your right leg will be outstretched at side and your left leg bent so foot will touch your right thigh.

This threshing from side to side must be done rapidly and rhythmically and both legs must move simultaneously and under no circumstances must you use your arms or hands to help you—they are held up in the air as pictured. This exercise, once mastered, is a honey for reducing midriff, tummy, thighs and hips.

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Like No Make-Up

Hollywood casting experts who annually interview thousands of girl screen aspirants from all parts of the country say there is one thing that betrays a rural girl—her makeup. She usually wears too much!

The basic principle of using make-up to enhance one's beauty is this—it must be an illusion. If make-up is obvious it is not beautiful!

One popular young screen beauty, Lucille Ball, has a lot to say about make-up. "Too much make-up makes a girl look hard or simply comical. I know this because when I had the role of a variety queen of burlesque my bangs were fluffed and my hair dressed fancy. Long artificial lashes heavily leadened with mascara were added to my own, and my mouth was widened and darkened with brilliant lip colour. To complete the picture they exaggerated my brow arch. I looked like I was supposed to look like—and it wasn't lovely!"

"Later I acted a natural role and my hair was brushed into a lustrous, sleek coiffure, my brows were left in natural curves, only my upper lashes were darkened a bit at the tips and lipstick outlined my lips lightly. I felt and looked like myself!"

Regarding Day Make-Up

If you youngsters would like to know what a screen actress uses on her face for daytime make-up, when she is not acting before the camera, listen to Lucille's testimony: "My street make-up is very simple. I begin with a powder base which is light in texture of a colour which matches my current skin shade. I apply it lightly with a fresh sponge. Too much

powder base gives your face a pasty look so I try to avoid that. When my skin is nicely tanned or when the weather is moist and warm I omit the base altogether.

"When this base has dried I apply a touch of dry rouge with a long-handled brush which is about a half-inch wide. I like brushes for make-up because I think they create a more natural effect.

"But let me warn you about rouge—use it ever so sparingly. Rouge acts as a highlight and a shadow—that's why it takes expert application. Apply it to the highest point of the cheek and blend it to no colour at the edges. Never let it touch laugh or sun lines at the corners of the eyes or mouth for rouge accents wrinkles.

"I brush my lashes and brows free of powder and leave them that way and I prefer a clear, bright lipstick for daylight wear rather than the deeper, dusky shades. I confess, however, that I frequently change the shape of my lips with lip colour. Just a whim most women indulge in."

For Evening Wear

"For some evening occasions I wear eyeshadows, mascara, and accent my brows with pencil. I think that too much eye make-up, or too much of any make-up, makes a girl self-conscious and she cannot act her natural, charming self. That, of course, is a mistake. If you apply your make-up cleverly at home you should be able to forget all about your face while you are out.

"You notice I didn't say anything about using powder. I don't use it. I feel that the moist look the powder-base gives my skin is prettier than a dull, powdered look. There are times, too, when I do not wear rouge in daylight hours."

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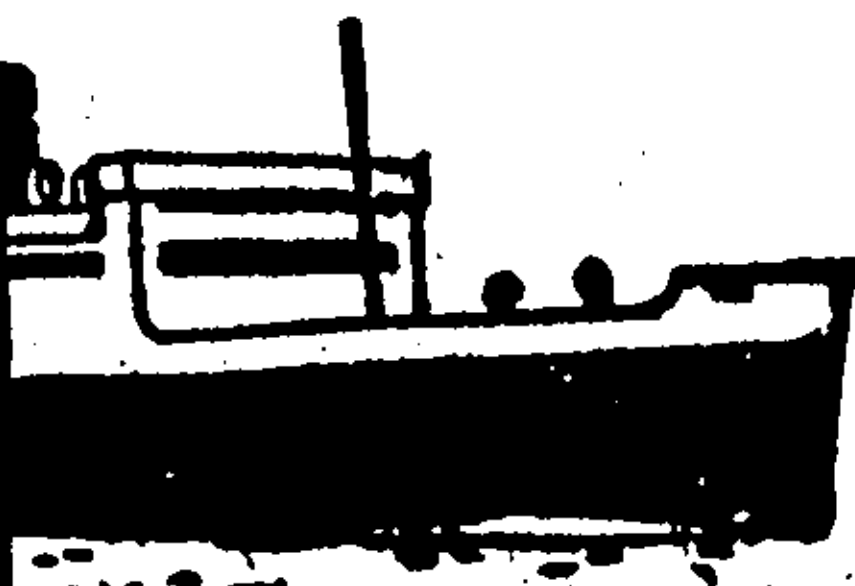
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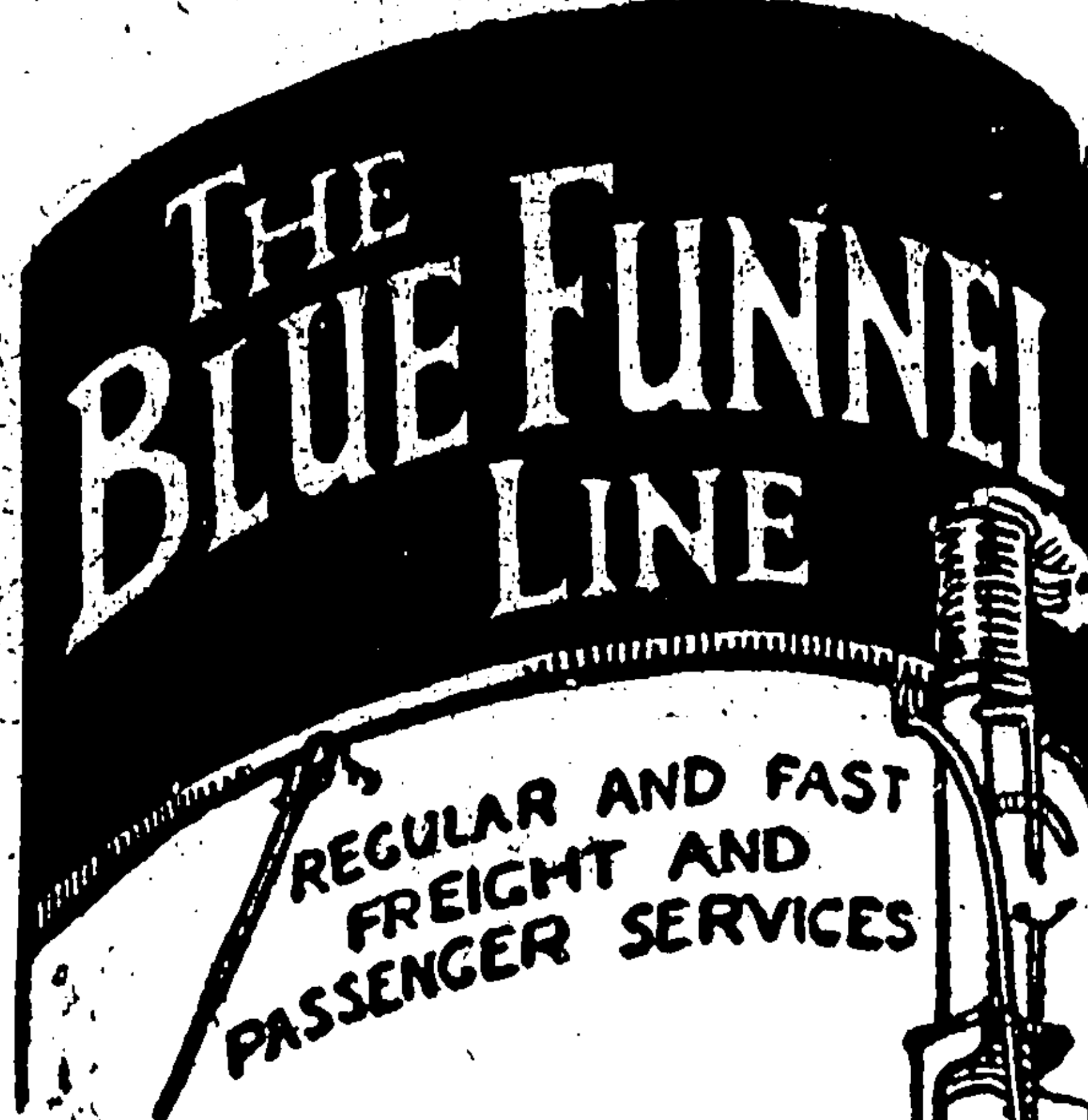
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A bomb hit the post office and the official was killed.

A bomb splinter struck the nurse. She, too, is dead.

The official was not the only hero of a north-east coast town, which came smiling through an air raid with the loss of only one life and a few people slightly injured.

The plucky conduct of Boy Scouts acting as messengers to the A.R.P. organisation was warmly praised.

Robert Cooper, a sixteen-year-old Scout, was on duty at an A.R.P. post when the first bombs fell near.

Without hesitation, Robert set out on a bicycle to deliver the report by hand at the report centre near the town hall. The way was blocked in places by debris, but Robert picked up his machine, climbed with it over the wreckage, continued his journey and returned for more messages.

Two bicycles had their tyres punctured, but Scout Cooper did not give in. He continued on foot, running from post to post, while bullets rattled over the town and Spitfires fought off the raiders.

Twice in the same day the Red Cross nurse ran from her parents' shop to her post when raiders came to her south of England town.

The third call to duty came when the ominous drone of enemy planes sounded overhead.

This time tragedy dogged her running footsteps. Within a hundred yards of her destination she was struck dead.

Her parents' shop was damaged in the raid.

Next morning a demolition squad found an eight-year-old boy who had sought refuge there cowering under the counter.

Although dazed, he said: "Hitler will pay for this."

Then he ran away.

REAR-ADMIRAL AMONG THE MISSING

Rear-Admiral E. J. G. Mackinnon, D.S.O., aged sixty, who was placed on the retired list in January, 1933, is reported missing in an official Admiralty communication.

The communique gives casualties arising from the various hazards of war, and not connected with any particular operation or ship.

The communique contains 357 names. Twenty-one officers are reported killed, seventeen missing and fourteen wounded.

Ratings killed number 106, eleven died of wounds. Sixty-six are missing, presumed killed, eleven missing and eighty-seven wounded.

Royal Marines killed, missing presumed killed and wounded total twenty-five. Three Australian and three Canadian ratings are reported killed.

NEW TWIST TO GERMAN PROPAGANDA

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for and of what they are fighting against, comes in the voice of King Sverre who, as recalled in Sverre's Saga, addressed his Norwegians in the year 1188. Even then there was the challenge against a free country's right to trade as it wished and to live its own life:—

We wish (said the King) to thank all English men who have come here with wheat and honey, flour and homespun. We thank those who have brought flax, wax, and kettles. We mention with friendship those who come from Orkney and Shetland, from the Faroes or Iceland, and all those who have brought to this country the things we cannot do without.

But the German men who come here in big numbers in big ships take away our butter and our dried fish; and because of these outgoings there arises great destruction for our country. In return they bring wine which has caused many of our people to lose their lives or their limbs, or to suffer shame or be wounded or beaten. I can only be ungrateful to the Germans for their conduct; and if they wish to keep their lives or their goods they must leave at once. Their errand has been of little use to us or to our land.

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Behind the Sunday pitching of "Big Chief" Therese Noronha, the Wahoos whitewashed the Little Flowers 10-0 in a seven-inning tilt featured by hurler Noronha's 10 erasures via the strikeout route.

Although Johnnie "Take your time" Fonseca's Florinhass have improved tremendously since their last outing, they were no match for the more experienced Wahoos, and only managed to reach second base once, when Aida "Sweet-as-apple-cider" Castro heaved the Florinha third-sacker an easy grounder, high, wide and handsome. Socorro Sequerra was the only Little Flower to connect. Therese Noronha for a safety, by slashing a single over the initial sack.

Lily Rozario Deputises

In the absence of regular Florinha hurler Lily Silva, who was unable to play, Lily Rozario worked on the slab, and fanned three Green-shirted Owls, and allowed only one walk. Ten Little Flowers withered before Therese Noronha's shoots, whilst two were given free tickets to first.

Wahoos, starting with their regular line-up, lead-off hitter Yvonne Yolle, Irene "Tomboy" Castilho and Jackie Anderson, punched out three singles in a row, to garner their first two markers, after which they adopted milder tactics, by resorting to bunting, and were held scoreless for the next two frames, although Jackie Anderson was given a life on Lilian Foster's fumble, but was left stranded on second.

Socorro "Soso" Castro's neat dump scored Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle in the fourth for one more marker, but in the fifth and sixth frames, the Wahoos rolled up a four-hit attack to dent the home-plate seven times and salt the game away.

Yvonne Yolle, Jackie Anderson and Socorro Castro all collected two safeties each, whilst Jackie Anderson earned fielding honours by handling 13 chances without error. Yvonne Yolle was credited with no fewer than four stolen bases.

Sixth Inning Uprising

Although the Recreio Ramblertettes put up a game fight for five

innings, a sixth-inning Wildcat uprising, which counted for 13 markers, gave the latter a 21-6 victory over the Ramblertettes. Starting with only eight players on the field, Cardinal short-stop Betty Fitzgerald was allowed to make up the team for the Recs, and for a while it looked as if the Wildcats had bitten off more than they could chew, as Betty assisted in six put-outs.

The wet condition of the ground caused errors to be committed wholesale by both sides, the Untamed Felines bungling nine times to the Ramblertettes' eleven, of which Lolly Rodrigues was responsible for no less than five.

Lily "Sunshine" Mar's heavy stick-work was outstanding. She batted safely three times out of five, and hit the only homers and two-baggers clouted in the game.

Slabstress Thelma Collaco for the Wildcats fanned four, and passed three, whilst Gerry Jorge on the mound for the Recs walked four and struck-out none.

Panthers Nosed Out

Despite a late rally which netted them eight runs in the sixth and seventh frames, the Panthers were nosed out by the Cardinals 14-13, in a game featured by Redbird coach "Doc" Molthen's fiery protest against the umpire's decision on a play between third and home. Finding no ground for the protest, the decision was not reversed by the umpires.

The Panthers opened the scoring with a three-hitter which netted them three tallies, blanking the Redbirds in the first frame and only allowing them a single marker in the next, but the determined Cards replied with two clusters of runs in the third and fourth to put them ahead 9-5.

Making effective use of their two singles off Babida in the sixth, the Pantherettes chalked up five tallies to threaten the Cardinals once more, although the Redbirds tallied four times at their turn with the bat.

With the last inning coming up, the Cards were shut out, whilst the Panthers needed only four runs to tie the score, and came to within a shade of knotting the count as they scored three times, only to lose the decision.

Efegina Babida, on the slab, fanned two and passed three, whilst Lelia "La-la" Xavier toiling for the Panther Kittens was not up form, and whiffed two only.

Although Betty Fitzgerald's four-in-five batting was the best of the fracas, she bungled both fielding chances that came her way, whilst Cardinal key-stoner Gilly da Motta's three safeties brought in three markers for her side.

Regina Xavier gave a very poor display in the windy alley for the Panthers, miscuing six of the eight chances that came her way.

Notes On The Rules

For the benefit of certain critics who are unable to understand the Softball code, these few notes are meant to clear up the umpires' decision on the protested play above-mentioned.

Rule 29, Sec. 8 of the Official Softball Rules says that a runner is out, if, in running to any base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between a base and the next one in regular or reverse

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	W.	L.	Pct.
Chung Hwa	7	0	1.000
V.R.C.	5	1	.833
R.A.F.	6	2	.750
Recreio Dees	6	3	.667
Coasmos	5	3	.625
South China	4	3	.571
Liga Portuguesa	3	4	.429
Royal Scots	3	4	.429
8th R.A.	2	7	.222
C.B.A.	1	7	.125
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Canadian Chinese	9	0	1.000
Wildcats	8	1	.889
Wahoos	9	2	.818
Panthers	6	5	.545
Cardinals	5	6	.455
Ramblertettes	3	8	.273
Little Flowers	1	9	.100
Chung Hwa	0	10	.000

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco	3	1	.750
Lacas	2	1	.667
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	4	.000

order to avoid being touched by a ball in the hand of a fielder. The note appended below the rule emphasises that the possession of the ball is the controlling factor.

In the play protested, it was generally agreed that the ball was only relayed from one player to another, not one of the fielders making any attempt to tag the runner. Therefore, it doesn't take much imagination to see that the runner was not avoiding being tagged, because no one was tagging her!

MIDDLESBROUGH CENTRE-FORWARD

SEASON'S TOP-SCORER in the Soccer Regionals is 18-year-old George Stobart. There must be something in the Middlesbrough air which suits centre-forwards, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

No club ever had such a rich succession as George Elliott, Andy Wilson, George Camshell, and Michael Fenton. All discovered and developed by the club. Total cost less than £500.

Yet it was Middlesbrough, specialists in home talent, who paid the first £1,000 transfer fee—for Alf Common.

And the historians of the day label this "sensation" as a record that must stand unchallenged for all time! You couldn't get a second-rate junior for that before the war broke.

The Champion Amateur

Most people have, I guess, forgotten that Middlesbrough went amateur after three years of professionalism, and in fact, won the Amateur Cup in successive years (1904 and 1905) before again going professional.

During their amateur spell there was a unique gentleman named Hill Drury, of Darlington, who was so much the pukka amateur that he not only paid his fare from Darlington, but insisted on paying his admission fee to the ground!

Had he been born a decade later, most amateur clubs would have very firmly blackballed Mr. Hill Drury.

Anyhow, Mr. Drury deserves a niche in history alongside the Corinthian who refused to take a penalty kick because he considered this low-brow intrusion into the rule book of a gentleman's game to be rank bad form.

Found In Dressing Room

When with Mickie Fenton in the Forces and George Camshell nearing the end of his great career, Middlesbrough had to look around for another centre they found him in their own dressing room.

Shortly before the war Will Gillow had signed the youth Stobart from a junior Tyneside club.

Given his chance, Stobart soon began getting goals—and in a way which marked him to be a player.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior loop, the R.A.F. shaded the Liga Portuguesa 8-7 after extra innings were played.

The Scuzamen took the lead up to the seventh chapter, but the Airmen rallied and knotted the count six-all. In the eighth and ninth, both sides were unable to push over the tie-breaker, but in the third overtime stanza the Kai Tak squad tallied twice to the Liga's lone marker to take the game.

Despite Wally Welford's determination to chalk up their first victory—he turned out a full team—the Recreio Bees triumphed over the Sappers 11-6.

In the night-cap, chief-umpire Welford called the South China-8th R.A. tussle during the sixth, on account of the heavy rain which rendered the ground unsuitable for play. South China, leading 11-3 at that stage, were therefore awarded the game.

LADIES' LEAGUE SOFTBALL SELECTIONS

The following team has been selected to represent the Ladies' Softball League in match against Kowloon Football Club, starting at 2.15 p.m. on Chinese New Year's Day:—First-String Battery—Therese Noronha and Jackie Anderson; Second-String Battery—Mary Ng and Dot Louie; First Base—Lily Mar; Second Base—Celeste Marques; Third Base—Gloria Mar; Short-Stop—Irene Castilho; Left-Field—Irene Pereira; Centre-Field—Betty Fitzgerald; Right-Field—Theresa Marques; Utility—Yvonne Yolle.

All proceeds will go to the Bomber Fund.



K.C.C. SHOULD BEAT ST. JOHN'S

By "Adrem"

With Henry Eardley out of the St. John's team, Kowloon Cricket Club have every chance of beating the Saints in their "B" Division League Badminton match at the Cathedral Hall this evening.

If St. John's do lose they will not have to undergo the inconvenience of going into the Senior Division, as their record would oblige them to if they secured their fourth successive win at the expense of K.C.C., who have also been unbeaten this year.

Other matches this evening should result in victories for Victoria Recreation Club, King College and St. Andrew's.

Programme And Teams

Following is to-day's Badminton League programme and some of the teams:—

J.R.C. v. V.R.C.
Recreio v. King's College
St. John's v. K.C.C.
St. Andrew's v. Police
St. John's—D. Kwok and E. Kennard; N. L. Smith and P. Wilson; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd.
J.R.C.—A. R. Poliak and S. Ramler; L. Landau and A. Odell; B. Godkin and M. Talan.
St. Andrew's—E. F. Fincher and J. Kew; A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray; M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie.

King's College—T. Lam and K. H. Lo; K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo; S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung.
Police—W. Gillies and L. Gordon; R. Hagarth and J. Shepherd; J. Macdonald and H. Dingsdale.
Recreio—P. A. Yvanovich and P. F. Botelho; A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha; F. A. R. Alves and J. T. Gosano.

TENNIS STAR PROMOTED

Fleet-streeter Archie Quick, who was in the final evacuation from Narvik, writes me this time from somewhere nearer than the Arctic circle, writes a Home correspondent.

He mentions that Mervyn Jones, who won the last Grand National on Bogskar, has been with him in a Carlisle hospital.

Also, that tennis star L. A. Godfree, who won the M.C. last war, has been promoted captain and is sports officer to an Army Corps.

KOTEWALL CUP MATCH OFF

The Kotewall Cup football match between Navy and Army, which was to have been played at Caroline Hill this afternoon at 4 p.m., has been postponed as Navy are unable to field a side.

ARMY-CLUB HOCKEY MATCH OFF

The hockey match between Army (British Ranks) and the Hong Kong Hockey Club was not played at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon due to the poor weather.

POLICE STATION MATCH

A friendly Snooker match will be held between Kowloon Police and Royal Army Medical Corps, the Army team Billiards Champions, at the Water Police Station at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Police will be represented by Sub-Ins. Bradstreet and Sergeants Pile, Pope, Matches, Johnston and Haynes.



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Sappers Win Small Units Rugby Final

ROYAL ENGINEERS won the small Units Rugby League when they beat Royal Scots in the final at Sookunpoo yesterday by three tries (9 points) to nil after leading at the interval by 3-0.

All three tries were scored by Birrell, who, in spite of the heavy ground, was very fast and was the most prominent player on the field.

Engineers opened their scoring in the first half when Birrell scored an uncovered try after a bout of good passing.

Before half-time Scots should have scored a try when Hunter was tackled five yards from the Sappers' line.

In the second-half Birrell missed a penalty kick and short y after Grace (Royal Scots) kicked wide of the posts from another penalty.

Birrell scored Sappers' second try when he received from Martin and evaded two opponents. He took the kick and failed.

Engineers scored their last try through Birrell as the result of a 25-yard dribble, Marshall just failing to stop the ball.

Col. Simpson presented the medals to both teams at the conclusion of the game.

Middlesex-Navy Draw

Middlesex Regiment and Royal Navy "A" played a scoreless draw yesterday when they met in a friendly Rugby game at Causeway Bay yesterday.

To-day's Match

Cancelled

The Club "A" rugby game on the Club ground this afternoon has been cancelled.

BOXING OFFICIAL KILLED

AMATEUR BOXING IN ENGLAND HAS LOST ONE OF ITS GREATEST FRIENDS. BILL DEES, A.B.A. SECRETARY AND A LEADING FIGURE IN THE GAME FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS, WAS A RECENT AIR-RAID VICTIM.

Mr. Dees as a member of the old Gildsmiths Club was the A.B.A. middle-weight champion in 1897, and won the heavy-weight title three years later. He was also well-known for his exhibitions with professional opponents.

President of the A.B.A. for five years, Mr. Dees took over the secretaryship from Mr. H. W. Fowler just prior to the outbreak of the war.

The "Daily Sketch" Golden Gloves match in New York, the European Games in Budapest, and the Olympics in Paris and Berlin were only a few of the international fixtures to which he accompanied British teams.

In view of the manner of his death it is rather grim to reflect that one of the most treasured of Bill Dees' many ring mementoes was a gold pencil presented to him by amateur boxing officials in Germany!

RACEHORSES SOLD CHEAP

A man with quite a modest bank balance could have gone bargain-hunting with reasonable hopes of picking up a Derby or other big race winner for a song when Messrs. Tattersalls held their Newmarket sale, writes a Home correspondent.

I doubt whether even the last war produced such "gifts" in the sale ring. A fiver would buy young racehorses which, in normal years, would have realised bids of hundreds of pounds if not four figures.

Five guineas secured yearlings by such well-known sires as the flying grey, Kandover, the equally fast Tommy Atkins, and His Grace, The Black Abbot and Allshah—all famous racers a few years back.

Older horses fetched rather better prices, but even such winners as Peter Kane (with a Cesarewitch engagement) and Holy Terror realised only 180 and 200 guineas.

GRAPHIC GOLE

NUMEROUS METHODS OF ESCAPE FROM SAND TRAPS POSSIBLE.



Sand Trap Tips

By BEST BALL

Using a putter in a sand trap may not appear strictly blue book etiquette to a lot of players, who are used to nothing but a niblick here, but it is being done by the best players. All that is needed is a good lie with the ball resting well on top of the sand, a firm surface, damp sand will help this quality, and the right sort of edge to the green.

The latter quality is important. The green must slope gently down to the bunker minus any over-hanging edge for the use of this shot. The ball hit slightly downward, will bounce over the sand and onto the green. Avoid getting sand between the putter face and the ball and thus deadening the power of the stroke. A similar precaution must be taken with chip shots from the trap, often employed when the sharp edge of the green prevents a rolling, putt like shot.

When distance is desired and the ball sets up well, a brassie or spoon may be employed. For power shots the player must dig in to avoid slipping, only taking sand after the ball has been hit.

Next Article:—Crisp Iron Play.

When S. A. Gray, president of Hong Kong Badminton Association, took the court for St. Andrew's Club against Kowloon Cricket Club on Wednesday he was playing in his first League match for three years. Gray was one of a small group who started badminton in the Colony and he has been largely responsible for the present popularity of the game.

Bargain hunters certainly made some shrewd purchases. A frequent bidder was a West Country farmer, Mr. F. Gwilliam, who has a training establishment at Pontillas. He has bought 20 young horses at a total cost of 306 guineas or about £15 each.

"I am having a gamble," he explained. "If there is a reasonable amount of racing next season it should not be difficult to place some of these horses to win, and I might make a profit. I bought a lot of horses during the last war and did very well, so I can afford to take a chance this time."

Farmers like Mr. Gwilliam find they can keep racehorses more cheaply than other people. Feeding-stuffs close at hand do not cost so much, and feeding a racehorse these days has soared at least 50 per cent. since the war. Incidentally, it looks as though we may get many more farmer-owners into racing than formerly.

BREN GUNS AT HOME BASEBALL

Over 2,000, writes a London correspondent, watched the Fund baseball match between the Army and the Home Guard at Tadworth recently. There were Bren guns for protection, marquees for refreshment, and a loud speaker for the running commentary of the match!

The 48th Canadian Highlanders beat the local Home Guard by 10 runs to 8.

Their stars were two famous Canadian baseballers, Tiny Burt and Blackie North. The strength of the Home Guard lay with J. Guipel and N. S. Isles, the latter a spectacular catcher.

After the match the "Babe Ruth" bat was auctioned, inscribed with the names of the winning team, and brought in an additional £10.

SHOT WRONG HORSE

A story with the Nat Gould touch was provided by the sensational attempt to cripple the Melbourne Cup favourite, Beau Vite—five days before the race—writes a Home correspondent.

The attempt failed on a million-to-one chance. The attackers, who bored a small hole in the wall of the box at the stables, shot Beau Vite's stable mate, El Golea, by mistake.

El Golea, not entered for the Cup, is a dead ringer of his illustrious companion. Both are brown horses and similarly bandaged.

Whenever I hear nobbling stories I think back to a famous French favourite for the Derby, which was guarded day and night by armies of detectives.

Overnight the horse was reported to be a victim of a coughing epidemic then sweeping the stables.

After an eve-of-the-race story, a Fleet Street night editor wired the trainer and got back the classic reply:

"The horse is well, but the detectives are coughing."

Kowloon Tong's recent setbacks have been to some extent the result of the inability of their captain, Frank Kwok, to play. Kwok is suffering from an injured arm.

MAN WHO FOUND LOUIS

Just had a letter from an old fighter named Arthur Tracy, writes L. V. Manning. That name may convey little to you, though he met men like Frank Moody and Kid Doyle.

But Tracy is the genuine discoverer of none other than Joe Louis, though many others have claimed that distinction.

Tracy, who settled in America, helped to found the Detroit Motor Works Boxing Club. It was there that he first discovered and then developed Louis's talent.

Nineteen Stone Hope

Tracy now tell me he thinks he has discovered Joe's successor. He is 19-year-old 6ft. 3in. Jim Powers, who has been registering some good wins.

His latest was over a Negro named Seantore Coplin.

Tracy claims that when he gets Powers down to a reasonable working weight—he weighs 19st. at the moment—he'll make the grade.

Tracy hopes to come to England soon, bringing his 16-year-old son with him. His boy, he tells me, is showing great promise as a scrapper.

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TOBRUK'S FATE SEALED

Imperial Forces Smashing Through Defences

First General Captured: Big Cruiser Ablaze

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at British General Headquarters in Cairo)

AFTER STEADILY INVESTING THE TOWN FOR NEARLY THREE WEEKS BRITAIN'S ARMY OF THE NILE LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON TOBRUK EARLY YESTERDAY, AND HAVE PENETRATED THE DEFENCES, INNER AND OUTER TO A DEPTH OF FIVE MILES.

FRENCH FLEET

THE RECONCILIATION OF MARSHAL PETAIN AND LAVAL DOES NOT MEAN THAT FRANCE WILL TURN OVER THE FRENCH FLEET TO GERMANY, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY.

He is reported to have stated that the reconciliation was intended to curb attacks of certain Paris newspapers on the Vichy Government.

NO INFLUENZA

DESPITE WAR CONDITIONS, THERE HAS, AS YET, BEEN NO SIGN OF ANY INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN BRITAIN. THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH STATED YESTERDAY.

If there is no epidemic by the beginning of February, he continued, the danger should be past.

Blinding sandstorms that have been sweeping over the Western Desert almost continuously for the past week had hampered the final stages of the operations.

The troops had to force a way through yellow clouds of sand which reduced visibility sometimes to a few yards.

Most of our troops had been in contact with the Italians on the outer perimeter of Tobruk less than a week after the fall of Bardia, and this offensive has been prepared equally carefully.

Patrols have gone out nightly gathering precise information in regard to the Italian defences.

They found tank traps surrounding Tobruk so deep in places that they had to bring up ladders in order to enter and measure their size.

The outer perimeter of defences is about 30 miles in circumference.

Formidable Task

Unlike Bardia, Tobruk has a second line of defence, with a circumference of about 11 miles.

The outer circle is barbed-wired

all round, presenting a formidable task for the preliminary work of destruction by our Engineers.

British penetration of both the outer and inner defences of Tobruk, to a depth of five miles, was announced in a special communique issued last night from G.H.Q., Cairo.

Cairo Communique

The communique reads: "Shortly after noon to-day the Imperial forces, actively supported by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, successfully penetrated both the outer and inner defences of Tobruk to a depth of over five miles on a broad front.

"The advance is continuing.

"Many prisoners have already been taken, including one Italian general.

"An Italian cruiser, the San Giorgio, in Tobruk harbour is in flames, together with a number of dumps of stores of petrol and the like."—Reuter.

IL DUCE SUPPLIANT FOR AID

The meeting of Hitler and Mussolini took place at Berchtesgaden, according to the diplomatic correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" yesterday.

The correspondent says that for the purpose of propaganda the usual mystification was made but "I can state that the purpose of the conference was the quite simple one of transferring the Italian war machine to German control."

More fact that the meeting was held at Berchtesgaden and not, as in former meetings, on the Italo-German frontier, emphasises the subservient role Mussolini now takes.

This subservience may be unpalatable to Italian pride and may be disguised in the language of Italian propagandists but nevertheless the fact remains that Mussolini at the meeting was suppliant for German aid and had to accept the German terms.

These were for the command of the Italian forces in fact, if not in appearance, the correspondent states.—Reuter.

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ITALIAN WOMEN IN ABYSSINIA

The British Government has made no arrangements in collaboration with the Italian Government for the evacuation of women and children from Abyssinia, Eritrea and Somaliland, Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Any suggestion to this effect, he said, should surely come from the Italians or from those commanders on the spot.

In any case, it is not possible to interrupt the operations which are now in progress.

Mr. Churchill was also asked to make a statement about war and peace aims.

Most right-minded people in Britain and abroad, especially in the United States, fully under-

TWO TRAWLERS SUNK

Two trawlers, Manx Prince and Refundo, have been sunk, states an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

There was no loss of life in Manx Prince but there were casualties in Refundo.—Reuter.

stand the cause and principles for which we are waging war against the Nazis, he replied.

The Government always kept a lookout for any opportunity of making a statement helpful to victory and the liberation of those nations now under the German yoke, but he was not able to add anything helpful at present to what has already been said.

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BRITISH RESIDENTS URGED TO LEAVE JAPAN

COLONEL DROPS A BRICK

An "old school tie" controversy, which has been raging in the British newspapers for some days, reached Parliament yesterday.

The controversy was started by an allegation by Lt.-Col. Bingham in "The Times" that army officers from the middle classes had "fallen down on the job."

Yesterday Mr. M. K. MacMillan (Labour, Western Isles) asked Captain Margesson, the War Secretary, in the House whether disciplinary action would be taken.

Captain Margesson said King's Regulations forbade soldiers to publish press views on military subjects without special authority.

Lt.-Col. Bingham's attention had been called to this and a report asked from him. Action to be taken would be determined after a reply was received.—Reuter.

Night Raids On Malta

Following their costly air raids at the week-end the enemy on Monday night carried out two indiscriminate attacks on Malta.

Official description of the attacks says the target seems to have been one of the British aerodromes but the actual result may be described as indiscriminate bombing, as the enemy flew at a great height in order to escape gunfire and detection by searchlights.

No bombs hit or damaged Government property. Several bombs damaged civilian property and a number of others fell into the sea.

There was one serious casualty who failed to take over.—Reuter.

MUNKANG COLLEGE APPEAL FAILS

The appeal of Mr. Rufus Huang, former headmaster of Munkang College, Kowloon City, Lee Sheng, and Mr. Wong Sul-yin, against an order that Mr. Huang be dismissed from the Board of Trustees governing the College was dismissed this morning with costs.

AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN IN DAYLIGHT

There was considerable enemy air activity over the eastern part of England during daylight yesterday but no important attack developed.

It is officially stated that a few bombs fell in the outskirts of London and at points in the Home and Eastern Counties.

Some damage was done to houses but very few casualties are reported.—Reuter.

"BROOKHAM'S" CHIEF OF STAFF

Major-General R. H. Dowding, Chief of the Combined Staff of the different Services under the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, and Wing-Commander Yarde, arrived at Rangoon yesterday, says Reuter.

"Before Impending Crisis With America Comes To A Head"

CONSIDERABLE ANXIETY WAS CAUSED AMONG FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN THE TOKYO-YOKOHAMA AREA YESTERDAY ON THE RECEIPT BY BRITISH RESIDENTS IN YOKOHAMA OF WRITTEN ADVICE FROM THE CONSUL-GENERAL, MR. W. McVITTIE, TO "LEAVE JAPAN BY REGULAR SHIPPING ROUTES BEFORE THE IMPENDING CRISIS IN JAPANESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS COMES TO A HEAD."

Mr. McVittie said the notice was only sent "to a limited number" and declined to elucidate his expectations regarding Japanese-American relations.

The notification pointed out that in case of war all sailings would be cancelled, hurried evacuation would be impossible, British would not be free to use money and property and would be unable to communicate with

the Consul and might be interned.

Japanese officials profess ignorance of any development likely to inspire such a warning.

Gravely Disturbed

This time, however, private foreign circles are gravely disturbed by the complete suppression of plans and views, not only of the Japanese Government but also of those abroad, such as might indicate an imminent crisis.

Some regard Mr. McVittie's action as being linked with rumours that Admiral Nomura, new Ambassador to the United States, is not sailing as scheduled.—Reuter.

"DAILY WORKER" RAIDED

Britain's leading Communist newspaper, the "Daily Worker," has been suppressed by Government under the Defence Regulations.

Another Left Wing periodical called "The Week" was similarly suppressed yesterday.

The Home Secretary is satisfied that these papers systematically publish matter calculated to foment opposition to the successful prosecution of the war, states an official announcement.

Officers of Scotland Yard raided the offices of the "Daily Worker" yesterday and stopped publication just as the newspaper was going to press.—Reuter.

MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER?

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

AXIS PROPAGANDA MUST BE SERIOUSLY AT A LOSS IF IT HAS TO DESCRIBE THE HITLER - MUSSOLINI MEETING AS THE GREATEST EVENT OF THE YEAR. THE MEETING COULD DO NO MORE THAN REAFFIRM A COMPLETE AGREEMENT OF POLICY.

Their combined strength could not be increased by the meeting nor unity be closer as they have always boasted this was complete.

Axis commentators, however, claim startling events will follow. The Dictators decided not only to defeat Britain but on the means of doing it.

This type of threat is nothing new. Some points about the meeting, however, are more significant.

It occurred on German soil, almost certainly at Berchtesgaden, and the Duce, there is little doubt, went because he was summoned.

He needs all possible help but cannot have liked the role of suppliant.

Doubtless future plans were discussed but they are German and not Italian plans.

Linked With Vichy

The plans are linked with the negotiations that have been pro-

ceeding at Vichy, and Hitler has probably been liberal with the Duce's aspirations against France.

It is suggested the Germans insisted on unity of command. This is more likely to be the real issue at a later date, when the Germans have decided where the big gamble is to be made.

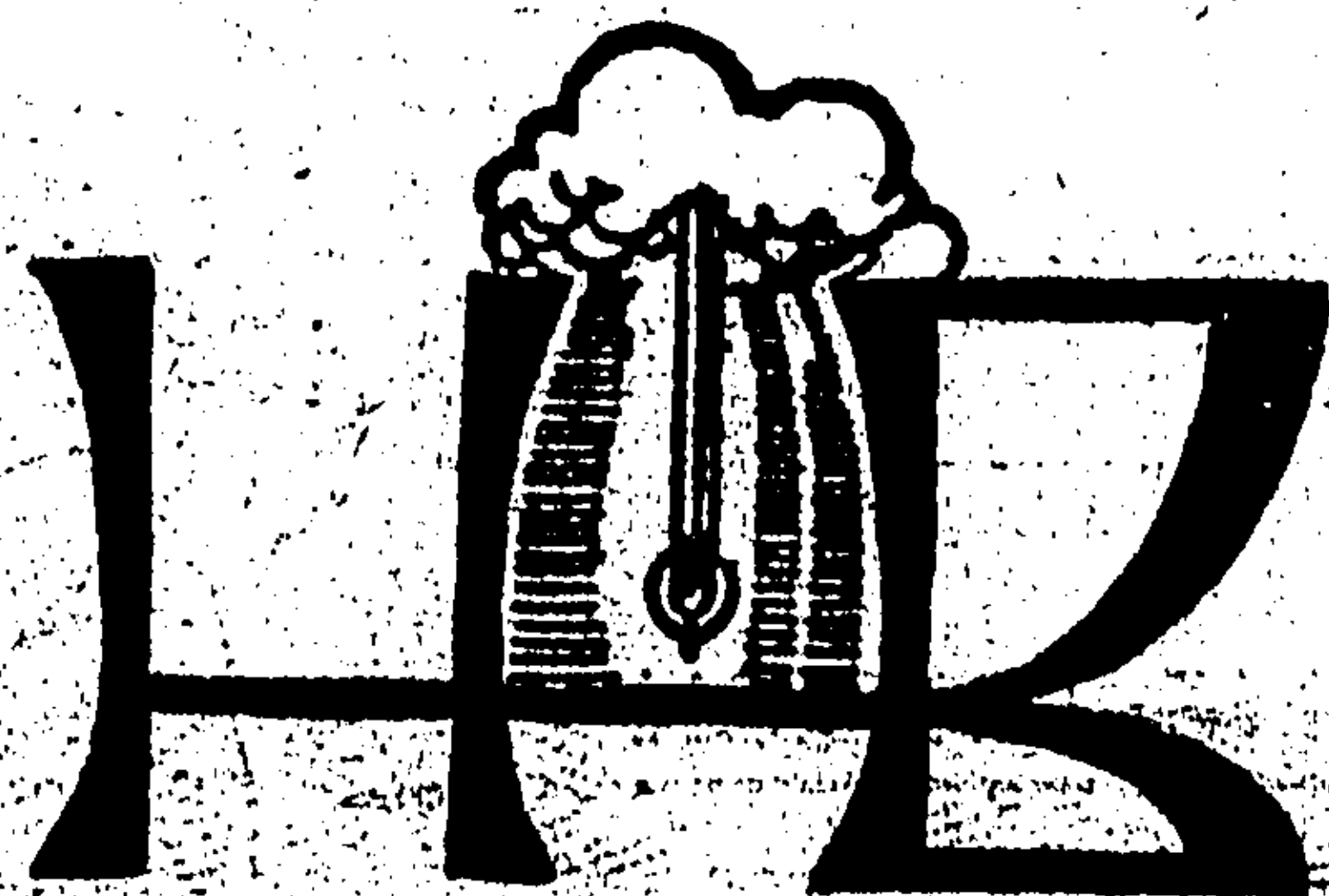
Their intentions are still very secret and preparations may equally aim at an invasion of Britain or of an advance in the Balkans.

Pretence Of Neutrality

It is significant that the German air force has not yet been employed, at least directly, against Greece, thus maintaining a pretence of neutrality.

Undoubtedly Hitler the gambler favours an attack on Britain as the surest way to victory. If successful, but he obviously is having qualms in view of the risks.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

BUCHAREST DISTURBANCES

Greeks Arrested After German Officer's Death

Incidents All Over Rumania

SOME MINISTRIES in Bucharest are guarded by police and the wireless station is protected by a military guard, according to Bucharest newspapers quoted in Rome yesterday.

These newspapers published accounts of demonstrations staged by certain members of the Iron Guards on Monday evening but emphasise that these were orderly and insist that order prevails in Bucharest.

A communique has been issued in Bucharest dealing with the murder of Major Doebling, of the German military mission.

Doebling was attacked outside the headquarters of the mission by a man who is said to have fired shots.

A decree published by the Rumanian Official Journal says the death sentence will be applied in the case of murder of German soldiers in Rumania.

Ten prominent members of the Greek colony in Bucharest have been arrested in connection with the murder of Doebling, according to a Bucharest despatch to the German news agency.

Major Disorders

According to a Budapest telegram received in New York the major disorders, which may require energetic measures by Germany, raging all over Rumania were of pro-German origin following the assassination of Doebling.

An attempt on the life of Colonel Creschani, described as Director-General of the Rumanian railways, was made in Bucharest yesterday, according to the official German news agency.

The assailants entered the colonel's office and fired several shots, wounding him, but further details of the crime are not yet available.

Meanwhile a spokesman at the Rumanian Legation in Belgrade yesterday stated it was untrue there had been any attempted coup d'etat in Bucharest on Monday.

He said that "certain demonstrations" had occurred but order was quickly restored.

No telephone calls to or from Bucharest were accepted yesterday.

German Troops Moved

According to a telegram from Sofia disorders in Rumania are widespread, with street fighting between civilians, German soldiers and Communists in Bucharest and elsewhere, reported.

Increasing resentment in many quarters over the German military concentrations in Rumania and the anti-Antonescu regime may flare into a real general fight, with the Nazis trying to restore order.

Other reports are that the disorders may be part of a coup intended by Leftists, followers of King Carol and others trying to overpower the Germans and the pro-German Iron Guard.

German troops removed from Giurgiu are reported to have been rushed to Bucharest and elsewhere. — Reuter.

COMMONS STILL NOT SATISFIED

The debate in the Commons following Mr. Bevin's speech yesterday revealed the current opinion that everything possible was still not being done to expedite the war effort and that there should be a greater measure of compulsion on all parties to contribute a larger measure of labour.

This is the principle which Mr. Bevin has been opposing as unnecessary.

There is a difference of opinion inside the Labour movement on the issue, as shown by the speech of the former Labour Minister, Mr. Ernest Shinwell.

Mr. Shinwell declared: "We need not be afraid of drastic even revolutionary methods in this country" and contended that hope that the last change in the Government would preface a new and unified policy of comprehensive planning and complete co-ordination of the national effort had not materialised. — Reuter.

MESSAGE TO MALTA

"We are sure that success as well as glory will reward your efforts," says a message sent yesterday by Mr. Churchill to the Officer Administering the Government at Malta.

"I send you, on behalf of the War Cabinet, our heart-felt congratulations on the magnificent and ever-memorable defence which your heroic garrison and citizens, aided by the Navy and, above all, the Royal Air Force, are making against the German and Italian attack," says Mr. Churchill in his message.

"The eyes of Britain and, indeed, of the whole British Empire are watching Malta in her struggle day by day, and we are sure that success as well as glory will reward your efforts."

BRITAIN AND PEOPLE OF ITALY

In the Commons yesterday, a member, Sir Stanley Reed, suggested that the Prime Minister consider definitely advising the Italian people of the British Commonwealth's being under no misapprehension about the purpose for which they were being called to fight.

Mr. Churchill recalled his recent broadcast and said he did not propose to add anything to it at the moment. — Reuter

NO WAR MATERIAL FOR JAPAN

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, APOLOGISING FOR THE DELAY IN ANSWERING THE LETTER OF MR. ALFRED EDWARDS, M.P., REGARDING THE WORKERS IN THE MUNITIONS FACTORY IN MIDDLEBOROUGH WHO THREATENED TO STRIKE IF THE PRODUCTS THEY MANUFACTURED SHOULD BE DESTINED FOR JAPAN, STATED THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT CONCERNED.

"The order to which the report in the 'Sunday Express' referred," he added, "was for gear which have now been completed and are under the control of the Customs. You will be glad to know that steps are being taken to ensure they will not be exported."

It is further reported that Mr. Edwards is going to ask the Prime Minister in Parliament to give an assurance that no munitions of any kind will go to Japan. — Central News.

WAR FUND SALE OF MEMENTOES

A New York dispatch states that certain personal property of the late Mr. Neville Chamberlain, was sold by auction in Birmingham, the proceeds being intended for a war fund. — International News Service.

Slovakian 8 per cents. rose from 30 to 32. Gilt-edged occasionally hardened. Wall Street was irregular. — Reuter.

TOBRUK HEAVILY ATTACKED BY THE R.A.F.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the announcement that British forces had launched an attack on Tobruk it was announced in Cairo yesterday that the Italian seaport was heavily raided by bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. during the night on Sunday/Monday.

Several attacks, states a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East, were made and direct hits registered on marine repair ships and military barracks.

One artillery battery of four guns was silenced and many bombs fell on a camp of about 200 tents.

Anti-aircraft fire was intense but the British aircraft pressed home the attack.

British fighter patrols were active throughout Monday but no conclusive engagement with the enemy resulted.

A further raid was carried out on the aerodrome at Catania (Sicily) during the night of Monday/Tuesday.

Seven enemy aircraft on the ground, of which two were large twin-engined bombers, were seen to burst into flames.

Fires were started near administrative buildings and were visible over 60 miles away.

On the previous night the railway station at Brindisi was bombed but the results could not be fully observed owing to low cloud. It is believed, however, that considerable damage was done.

Valona Raid

In Albania, Valona was subjected to the heaviest bombing attack hitherto carried out in that region.

A heavy raid was made during the night of Sunday/Monday followed by further raids during the day.

A large explosion occurred in the target area and a number of fires were caused.

High explosive bombs fell on buildings and the foreshore, causing considerable damage.

Raids in Africa

The R.A.F. raided Assab and registered direct hits on a supply depot.

The South African Air Force successfully bombed Neghelli (Abyssinia). Administrative buildings and a surrounding motor transport park were set on fire and completely gutted and a number of vehicles in the car park were destroyed or damaged.

From all operations mentioned in the communique, our aircraft returned successfully.

The communique adds that the British fighter reported as not returned to base in a communique of January 19 is now reported safe. — Reuter.

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Mr. Joseph Kennedy Gives Views On Aid Britain Bill

HIGH TRIBUTE TO MORALE IN ENGLAND

A STATEMENT that Britain's leadership was divided on the question of the advisability of the United States becoming an active participant in the war, was made by the former Ambassador to London, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, testifying before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday on President Roosevelt's Bill for helping the Democracies.

Replying to questions Mr. Kennedy said some members of the British Government felt that if the United States entered the war it would "find a way to carry it through." Others believed that entry of the United States would be to the detriment of Britain's war effort, because it would slow down the flow of material aid from America.

"There is no unanimity on the question," declared Mr. Kennedy, who added that many people in the British Government felt they were not yet getting all the aid they might normally expect from the United States.

Asked whether he expected a crisis to develop in the next 60 or 70 days, Mr. Kennedy said he did not know exactly what that meant and there were many things in the military situation he did not understand.

For example he never understood why the German army permitted a British army of 300,000 to escape from Dunkirk.

If the German air force was as strong as they claimed, Mr. Kennedy thought they should have had a perfect chance to annihilate the British force.

Did Not Understand

He did not understand why the Germans had not wrought greater destruction in Britain's industrial centres.

Mr. Kennedy continued: "If they have the strength to capture the air superiority a crisis might come any day. So far they have not indicated that they have that strength."

Asked whether he knew the British war aims, Mr. Kennedy replied he certainly did not.

A questioner then asked whether Mr. Kennedy thought something should be done to let the United States know the nature of these aims before further aid for Britain was proceeded with.

Mr. Kennedy said he did not understand the question and suggested it was one for the State Department.

British Socialism

Asked whether it was fair to the British people "for us to intimate" that the United States would aid in a possible Continental invasion, Mr. Kennedy replied: "I don't believe we have ever done that officially."

Representative Fish asked: "Is there any truth in reports that Britain is going Socialist?"

Mr. Kennedy said the Labour and Socialist countries were becoming more important. He added nobody had a right to assume that conditions would ever go back to what they were.

Paying a tribute to British morale, Mr. Kennedy said: "I can't imagine anything better. There is a great deal less turmoil there among the people than I have met in the United States. It is just a question of plain guts."—Reuter.

Food Parcels Delayed

The difficulty of getting food parcels by tortuous routes to sorely pressed British war prisoners in Germany was again raised in the House of Commons yesterday.

It was officially disclosed that over 250,000 parcels were despatched by the General Post Office during the past month and that during December 100,000 parcels and over 100 tons of food left Geneva for camps in Germany.

The War Secretary, Captain Margesson, said the special commissioner who had gone to Lisbon to investigate delays in the transmission of parcels had ascertained that parcels were seriously delayed in transmission across the Iberian Peninsula and France.

Ships had been chartered to convey parcels by sea direct to Marseilles or other convenient ports. Parcels had also been sent by a new overland route through Portugal, Spain and occupied France direct to camps in Germany, and if this route was successful it would be developed.—Reuter.

NO MARGIN TO SPARE IN COMING MONTHS

"IN THESE COMING months we shall need all our strength and courage and all the help that free people can give us. There is no margin to spare. Yet our faith in final victory is unshaken and we know we must win through."

So declared the new Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, speaking at the opening in London of the Czechoslovak Institute established by the British Council as a national centre for Czechoslovaks in Britain, now numbering some 15,000.

MIDLAND BANK BOMB HAVOC

Not a single safe or strong-room has been destroyed of the Midland Bank, one of the largest banks in Britain, with branches throughout the country.

This was disclosed by the Chairman, Mr. Reginald McKenna, in the annual statement circulated to shareholders yesterday in place of the usual speech, "in view of the possibility of the meeting being interrupted by an alert."

Nine branches of the Bank, Mr. McKenna said, have been completely wrecked and eight others severely damaged, but repair work will enable the staff to return to them shortly.—Reuter.

The King, in a message to President Benes at the opening, wrote: "The Institute will form a happy link between our two peoples in the pursuit of those ideals of liberty and justice to which both are so wholeheartedly attached."

Mr. Eden also declared it would not be long before the tyrant in whose clutches Czechoslovakia was held was utterly overthrown.

The Czechs were now fighting side by side with the forces of Britain, Poland and other Allies with the fire and determination of men who would not endure bondage.

From time to time he was greatly moved and encouraged by news of some noble act of opposition by those gallant Czechs who had now to suffer the rule of Hitler's Gestapo.

Anglo-Czech Friendship

Dr. Benes, in reply, expressed the Czech determination to increase and deepen Anglo-Czech friendship "once the world is rid of Hitler's vulgar gangsterism."

Referring to Mr. Eden's allusion to the struggle of Czechs at home against Nazi oppression, Dr. Benes said: "They deserve your praise and will not fail you."—Reuter.

DELHI CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS

Valuable and far-reaching recommendations by the Delhi Conference are being dealt with in consultation between the British Government and other Governments concerned, declared Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, in reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Amery added he was not yet in a position to make a detailed statement.—Reuter.

INDIA WAR SUPPLY ORDERS

IN NOVEMBER WAR SUPPLY ORDERS TOTALLING 15 MILLION RUPEES WERE PLACED IN BOMBAY PROVINCE AND A VAST MUNITION PROGRAMME IS WELL UNDER WAY, WITH 4.5 INCH GUNS BEING PRODUCED. HAND-GRENADES HAVE REACHED FULL EXPANSION AS HAVE

ECONOMIC PACT WITH CAMEROONS

An economic agreement relating to the French Cameroons has been concluded between the British Government and General de Gaulle's Council of Defence.

The British Government undertakes to purchase the total output of cocoa, palm kernels, palm oil, groundnuts and beniseed from the French Cameroons, as well as nearly the whole production of coffee and a large proportion of the production of bananas.

On these commodities and timber (regarding which a separate agreement is foreshadowed) the French Cameroons depend.

While ensuring the livelihood of the population, the agreement gives Britain useful commodities it can absorb.

The agreement fixed the rate of exchange for the French Cameroons at 176,625 francs to the Pound, and the agreement is retrospective, covering the second year of the war.

A similar agreement relating to French Equatorial Africa is almost ready for signature.—Reuter.

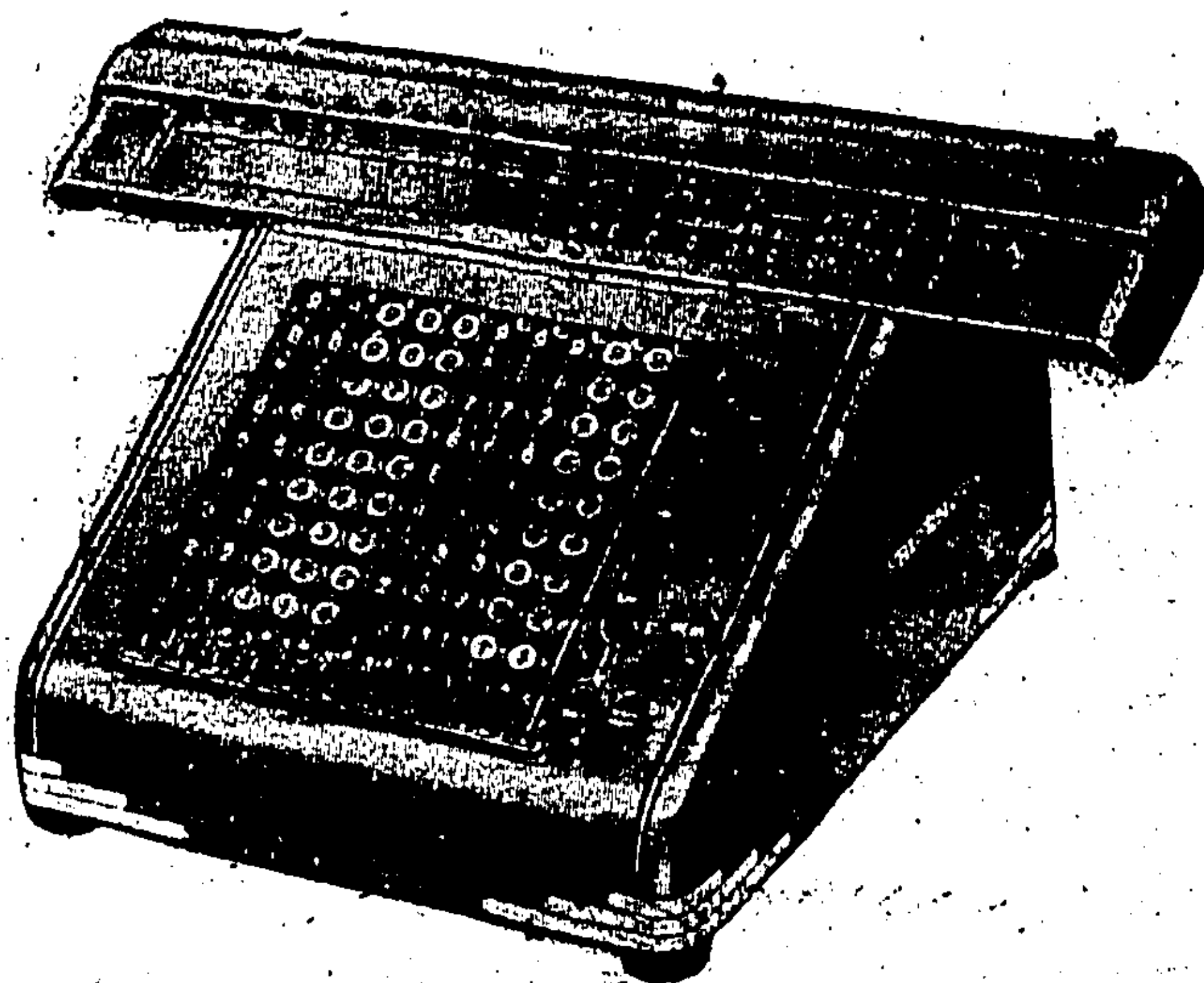
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An experimental order for land mines was also carried out.

The tempo of the all-India effort is similarly exemplified by the running of a special train every two days to deliver motor chassis to the builders.—Reuter.

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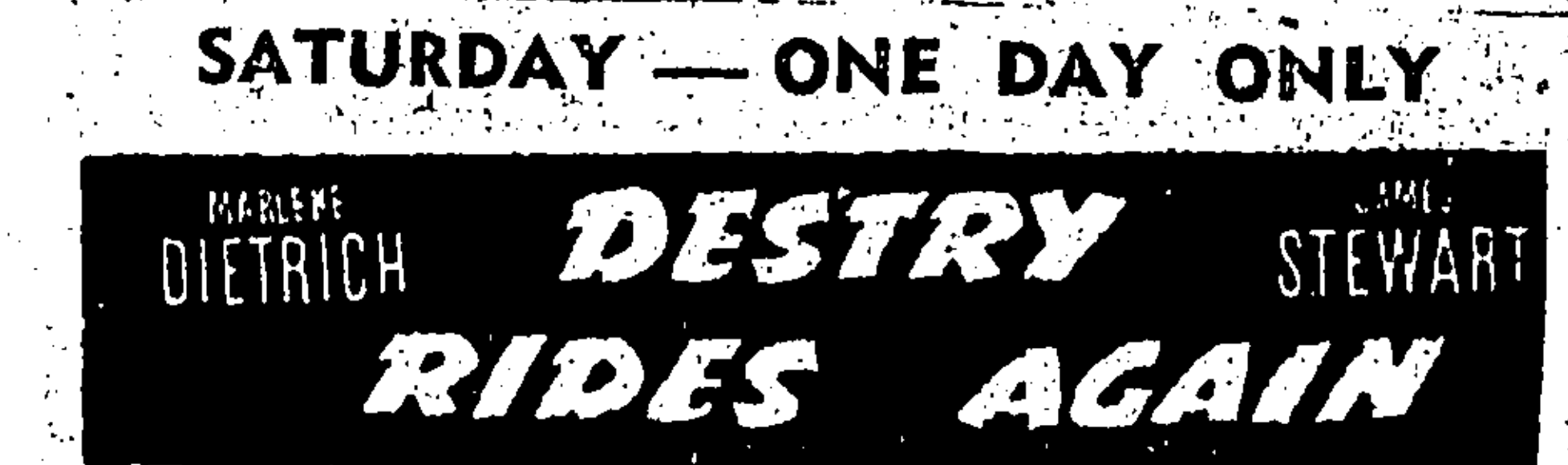
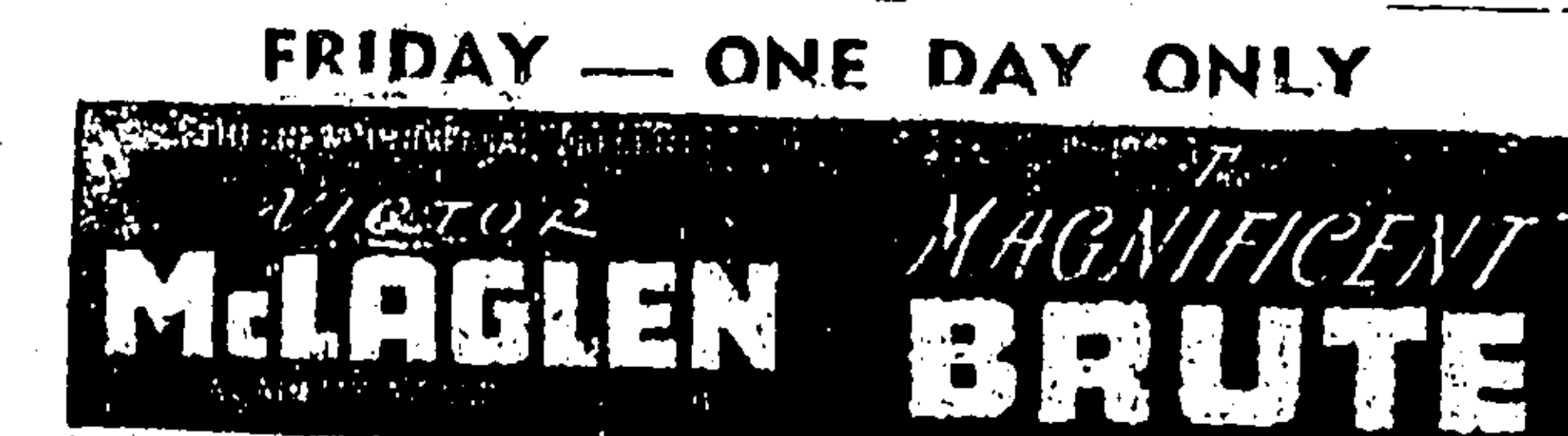
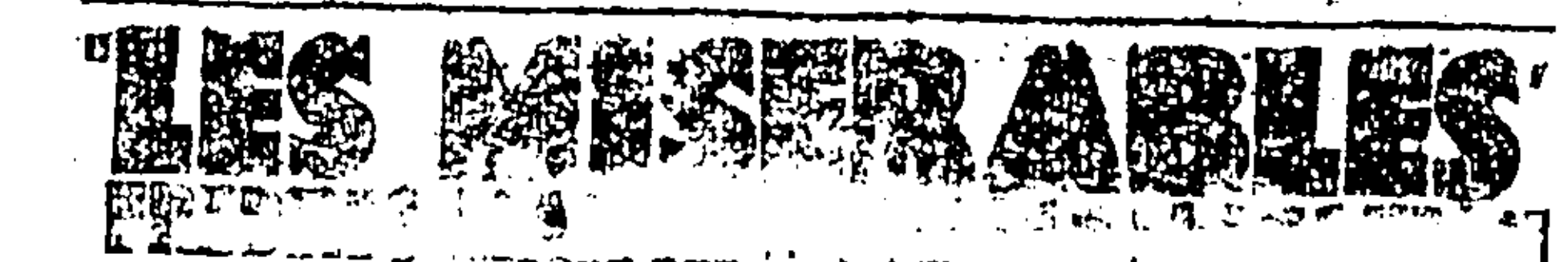
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IMPERIAL TROOPS PRESSING DEEP INTO ERITREA

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at British General Headquarters, Cairo)

THE IMPERIAL TROOPS, pushing deeper into Italy's East African colony of Eritrea, were reported yesterday to have reached a point some 30 miles east of Kassala, the frontier post evacuated by the Italians on Sunday.

The retreating Italians, whose strength is now revealed to be no less than two divisions, are being hard pressed by British light armoured units and motorised infantry.

The pursuit continues day and night across hilly and difficult country.

Every effort is being made to maintain contact, and occasionally British Bren-gun carriers are able to send a burst into the Italian "tail."

VALONA HEAVILY BOMBED

Valona was subjected to its heaviest aerial bombing attacks of the war on the night of Sunday, says an R.A.F. communique issued in Athens.

R.A.F. heavy bombers raided the dockyard and large explosions occurred in the target area, while smaller fires were also caused, but the weather was too bad for the full results to be observed.

Brindisi railway station was also attacked but the results could not be observed owing to low cloud.

In a daylight raid on Valona a number of high explosive bombs fell on buildings south of the jetty and on the foreshore and must have caused considerable damage.

Enemy fighters attacked but were evaded after a 15-minute engagement.

On the return journey our formation attacked and damaged an enemy float plane. All our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

AMERICAN EXECUTIVE ORDERS

President Roosevelt, at his press conference yesterday, said he "supposed" that fifty executive orders of all kinds had been drawn up "to meet contingencies."

He added that perhaps one of them provides for the freezing of the United States assets of all European countries.

The orders had been drafted as a precautionary measure so as to be ready in case they were needed suddenly.

President Roosevelt described talking of giving the American Navy to Britain and conveying ships across the Atlantic as "cow-jump-over-the-moon" stuff. — Reuter.

RICE IMPORTS INTO BRITAIN

From February 1, the Ministry of Food will be the sole purchaser of rice for importation into Britain, it was announced in London yesterday, according to Reuter.

JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE

JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE CONTINUED TO GROW IN 1940 DESPITE THE EUROPEAN WAR, AND THE VOLUME OF COMMERCE WITH NATIONS OUTSIDE THE YEN BLOC WAS ALMOST AS LARGE AS IN 1939.

Mr. Kawada, Minister of Finance, told this to the House of Representatives yesterday when he introduced the record-breaking 6,863,000,000 yen ordinary Budget.

Exports were 3,972,000,000 yen, increasing by one per cent, while imports totalled 3,709,000,000 yen, gaining 19 per cent. The favourable trade balance thus was 263,000,000 yen. — Reuter.

The Italians apparently are withdrawing as fast as they can, having covered 20 miles on the first day.

Indian, Sudanese and British troops are taking part in the pursuit, it is learned.

Direction Of Retreat

Before their withdrawal the Italians were strung along a 100-mile front from Omager, where the frontiers of Sudan, Eritrea and Abyssinia converge, to a point 20 miles north-east of Kassala.

Direction of the retreat is towards Agordat, nearly 100 miles from the frontier.

Agordat is the terminus of Eritrea's only railway and the main point of communication for the frontier region with the important Red Sea port of Massawa. — Reuter.

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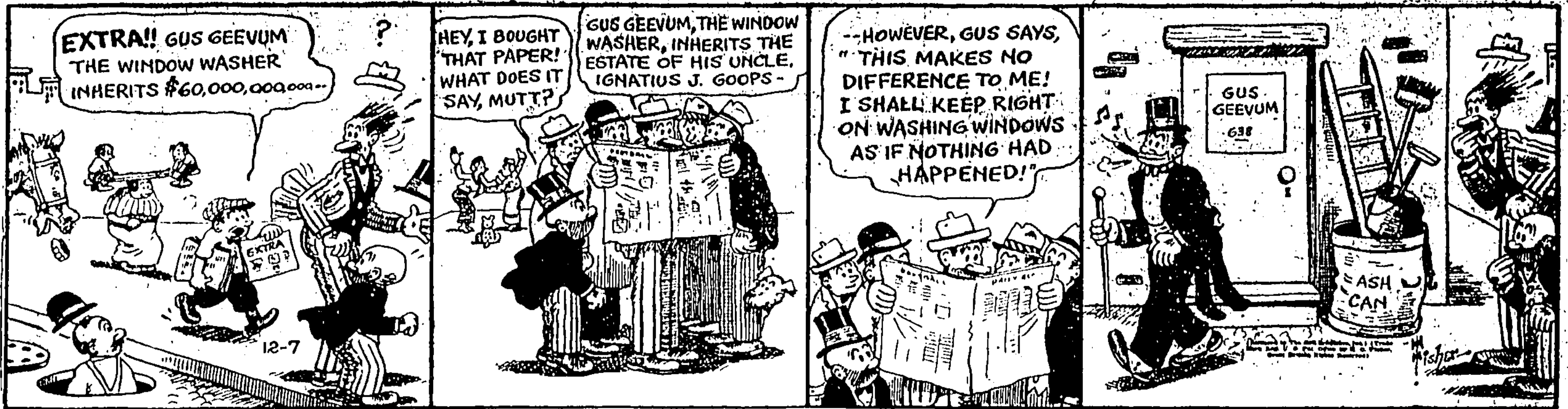
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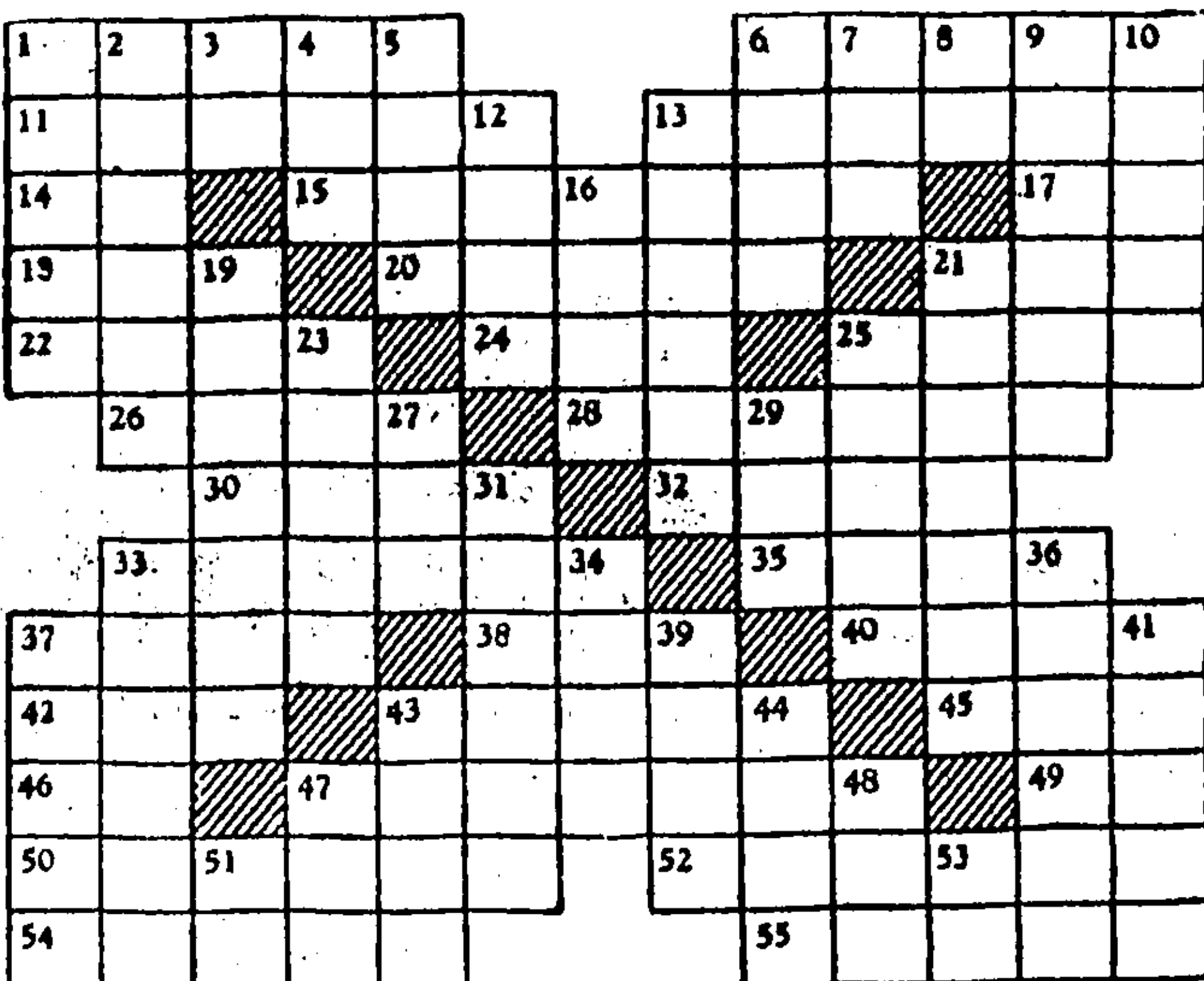
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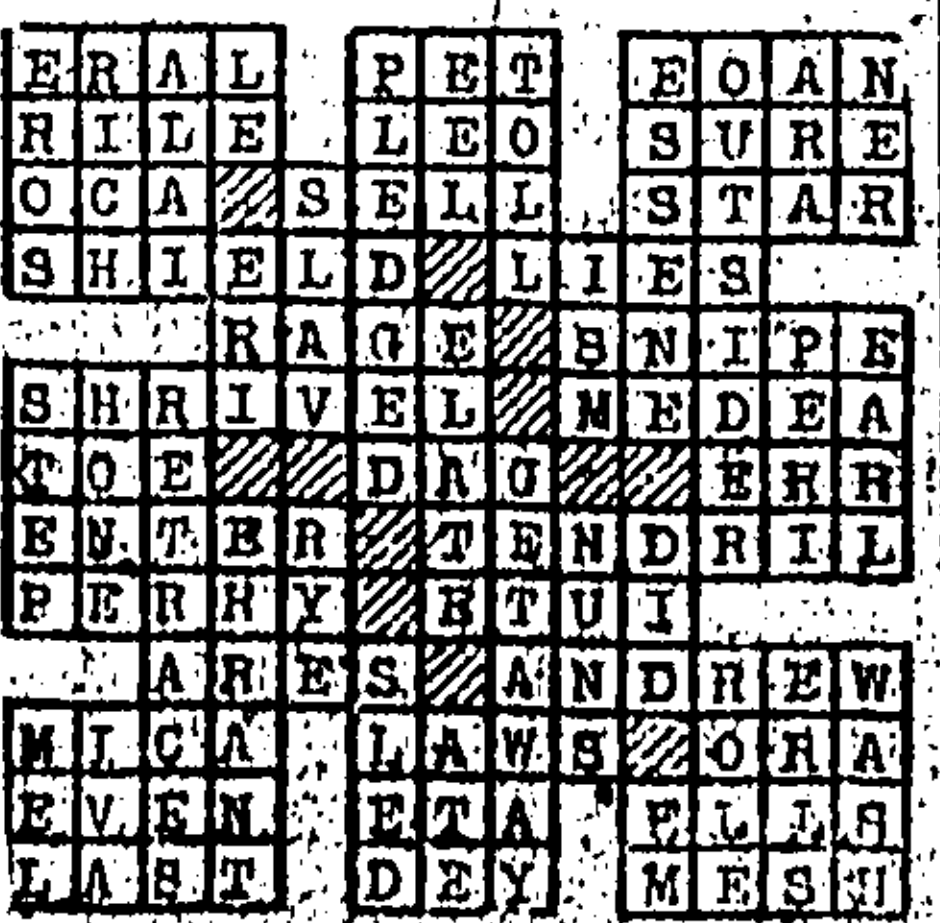
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39 To stagger
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44 Cry of sorrow
47 To sever
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51 Symbol for sodium
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



S.P.C. MEETING

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Protection of Children, Mr. C. G. Solis assumed his appointment as Chairman for the current year and a hearty vote of thanks was expressed on behalf of the retiring Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam.

Mrs. Graham Cumming was welcomed to the Committee and the Society is grateful for Mrs. Cumming's offer to take over the post of Secretary of the Western Branch.

The Case Report for December showed that 385 children were introduced to the various Centres during the month and that the total number of cases under supervision at 31st December was 1,842, involving approximately 3,000 children. The Society's Inspectors paid 697 visits to homes during the month.

The Finance Statement indicated that the community were continuing to afford very satisfactory support to the Society, although expenditure in 1941 is not likely to fall short of \$28,000.

The Chairman expressed particular thanks to Mr. Li Po-chun for his handsome donation of \$1,200 towards the running expenses of the Ling Yuet Sien Creche for 1941.

GUN KILLS TWO AT EXHIBITION

A boy and a youth were killed and a woman, her daughter and another boy wounded when an anti-tank gun — part of an exhibition of war weapons — exploded at the City Hall, Sheffield.

The gun was being demonstrated to a crowd of visitors to the exhibition, which was being held in connection with the city's War Weapons Week, when it went off accidentally.

The two dead were Gordon Strange, fourteen, of Hartley Brook Road, Sheffield, and Allan L. Tucker, twenty, of Sheffield Road, Woodhouse. The injured are: Mrs. Ethel Sykes, forty-two, of Raisen Hall Road, Sheffield (arm wound); her daughter, Ethel, sixteen (wounded in thigh); and Allan Tame, fourteen, of Alderlane, Handsworth, Sheffield (leg wound).

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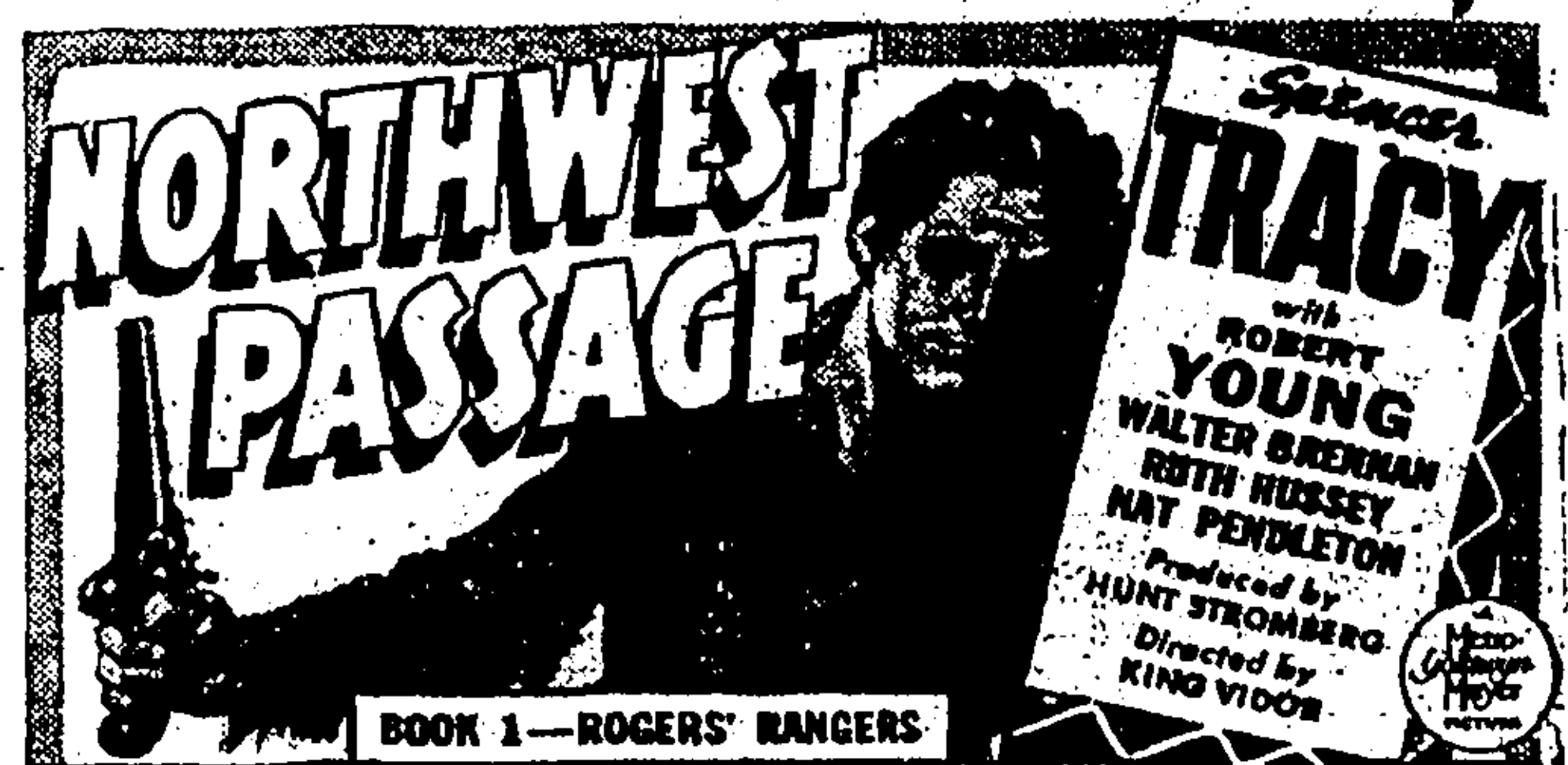
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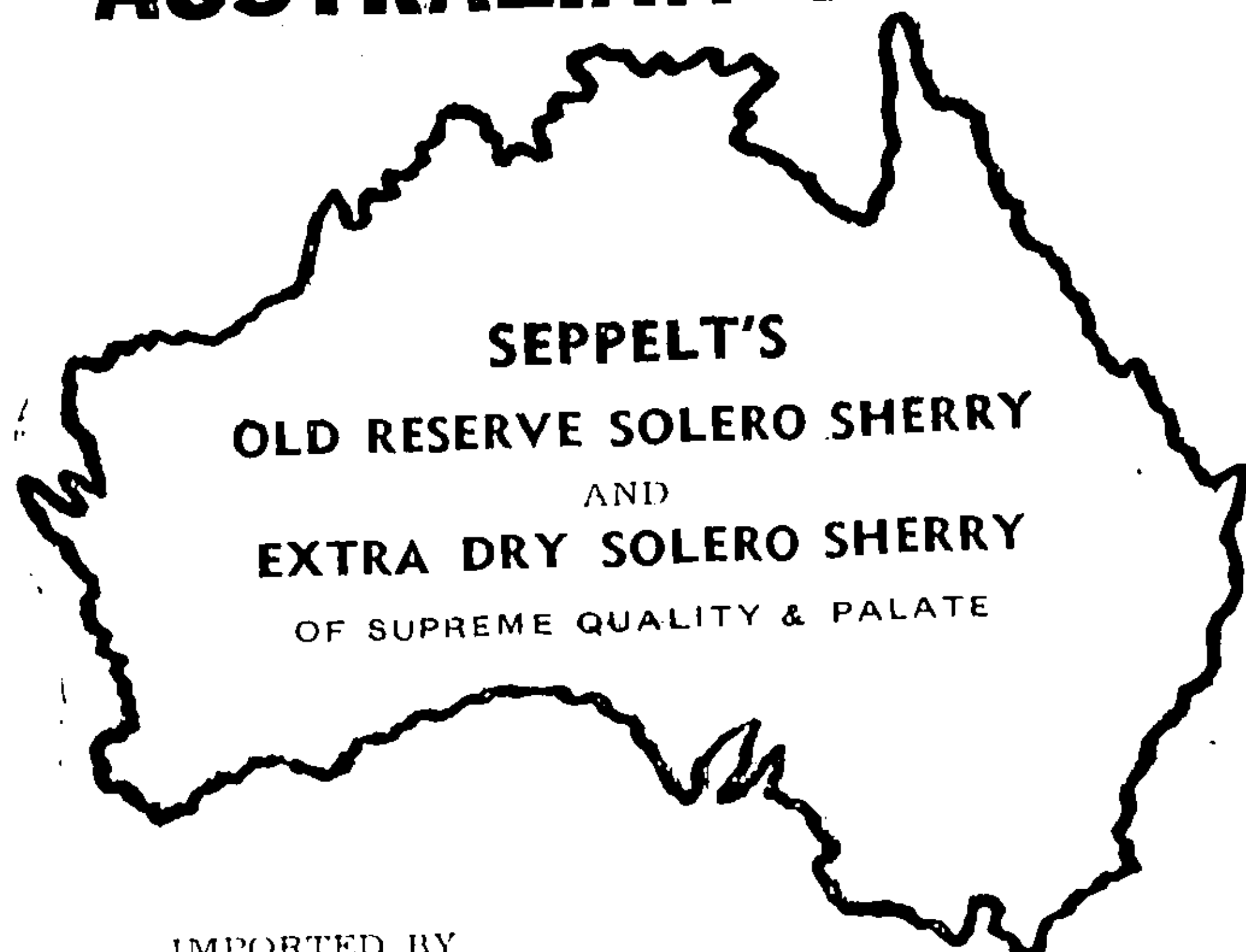


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NEW TWIST TO GERMAN PROPAGANDA

(From A Diplomatic Correspondent)

DURING RECENT WEEKS many signs suggested that Hitler was planning a sudden propaganda campaign to confuse and unsettle American opinion on the eve of the election. He may still try to spring a surprise. If he does it is hardly likely to be the one he had planned.

After the collapse of France his propagandists tried to convince Americans that Great Britain was past help. A few weeks, they said, would see the destruction of British defences. When those tactics failed, and when both Presidential parties were seen to be at one in their determination to help Great Britain with an increasing flow of arms, Hitler and Goebbels quickly changed their appeal. Great Britain might not be defeated, but they set out to show that Europe could be organised as a large, happy family without Great Britain, or that Great Britain was the only disturber of the peace, the only lion in the path of the European pilgrims on the way to millennial bliss.

Before the Americans went to the polls Hitler hoped to announce the New European Order, giving the semblance of peace. His recent journeys to General Franco and to Marshal Petain were made partly to enlist their cooperation in the New Order, partly to secure military rights and strategic bases with which to pursue the war with Great Britain more effectively. But in neither meeting did he fully succeed in reaching his objectives. He had a friendly and exploratory talk with General Franco, but he quickly realised that there was no likelihood of General Franco's favouring the passage of German troops through Spain either to Spanish ports or to the Portuguese coast.

With Marshal Petain the talk seems to have been equally courteous; Hitler only once or twice raised his voice in anger. But in spite of the machinations of Laval, Marshal Petain hesitates to fall in with all Hitler's designs and in particular is loth to let the French Fleet be used against France's former ally. The result is that Hitler has been temporarily—possibly no more than temporarily—checked at two main points in Western Europe. In Southeastern Europe also, the Greeks refused to be brow-beaten by the Italians; and in this area not even a German propagandist can pretend that all is yet happy and well.

New Monroe Doctrine

Hitler's plan to announce the New European Order is therefore delayed. It would have been his grand appeal to Americans, suggesting that if they still helped Great Britain they would be denying to Europe the right to have the Monroe doctrine which they themselves upheld without question in the Western Hemisphere. Deprived of the chance of making this appeal in toto, he is nevertheless putting it forward in part. If his work is not yet complete (as he hoped to be able to announce), he is redoubling his efforts to persuade Americans and others that he is at any rate working in the right direction and that he has been sadly misjudged in the past.

Two particular lines of German propaganda abroad may be detected at the moment. The first, an adaptation of an old line, develops the theme that the New European Order, although delayed for a time, will soon come to usher in the Golden Age where there will be neither capitalist nor Bolshevik, bond nor free, but all will join for the common good.

"There will be no more economic nor nationalistic restrictions," declared a German broadcast to America the other day. "There will be no more unemployment, no more hunting for markets." In the Dutch broadcast at the same time it was reported that the Director of the I. G. Farbenindustrie had just "emphatically declared" that by Lebensraum Germany did not mean an area she wished to control; no, she simply wished to cooperate and trade freely for mutual benefit. Day by day the

same pleasant dreams are put forth.

Bait For American Catholics

The second line, newly developed, is even more cynical. From many centres in America and in Europe comes evidence that Hitler is trying to deceive and to win back religious opinion. There are well-authenticated accounts, for instance, of a mission to the United States undertaken for Hitler by Father Odo, otherwise Duke Carl of Wurttemberg, with the purpose of persuading American Catholics that Hitler is one of them and is fighting to give them fresh fields for conversion to Christian belief.

Only once (Hitler is quoted as saying to Father Odo) have I allied myself with the devil—with Stalin, when I signed the agreement with him in August, 1939. I must confess that for me personally this was the saddest day of my life, as many people thought that I had acted treacherously towards my own principles. But history will forgive me. I did this thing only for the greatness of Germany. All the whole world will forgive me and will be grateful to me when I free the world from the Bolshevik beast.

We shall re-create the splendid tradition of the Crusades, we shall carry out our mission to bring civilisation to the east of Europe. A great field of activity will be opened up, and there will be a lot to do for the German Catholic clergy among people who have run wild and who have been robbed by Jews and Bolsheviks, not only of their land but of their God.

All the Christian nations must be called up and be recruited for the fight against Communism and against the whole concept of Jewish Marxism, which is just as much my enemy as it is the Church's. For this great end you must work among the leaders of Christianity in America. After a total war will come a total peace. Providence has assigned to us Germans the task of arranging the future European order, and we shall carry out the task well.

From Paris the German "Controlled" wireless has lately broadcast declarations that Hitler has never been against the Churches. He may have persecuted all pastors and priests who preferred the Word of God to his own; he may have declared in the past, "We wish to have no other God but Germany," he may have brought up the German youth in godlessness; but let these things be forgotten; he now means well. So runs the appeal.

In Switzerland and other countries German diplomats and officials have lately declared to their neighbours in some bewilderment that they had just received orders from Berlin to teach their children religion until further notice. For years these officials were told that the Hitler Youth and all worthy German children must believe only in Germany and in Hitler. "Now, to fit in with the German propagandist scheme, there is to be a change. In Germany also since the war began Hitler has eased the restrictions



Sabu and John Justin have important roles in "The Thief of Bagdad," a Technicolor film coming soon to the King's Theatre.

upon some churches, and in particular has sought a new working agreement with the Catholic clergy.

Clearly this second propagandist line is meant to help forward the first, the publicity about the happy new European Order. This publicity might have a better chance of success if it did not abound in self-contradictions. First, there is what foreigners are told about it: it is to be the Golden Age. Secondly, there is what Germans are told about it:—

We Germans are born to be masters of Europe and must conduct ourselves accordingly. (D.A.Z., 7/10/40.)

A lower race needs less clothes, less food, and less culture than a higher race. (Dr. Ley passim.)

The economic system of Europe must be organised to achieve the maximum of economic security to Germany and the highest possible standard of living for the German people. (D.A.Z., 7/10/40.)

We are the Herrenvolk. (Every German leader in every speech.)

What Happens In Practice

Thirdly, the greatest contradiction of all, there is what happens in practice. Recent articles in "The Times" have told in detail of the German process in each enslaved country. Everywhere the process is the same, although, generally speaking, it is applied more crudely and more brutally in Eastern Europe than in the West. Everywhere is the same evidence of looting or of purchasing with money of only temporary worth. Everywhere the Reichsmark is over-valued in relation to the currency of the enslaved country to enable German soldiers or officials to buy more than they should. Wherever a country has had an independent industrial life, as in France, the Germans either deprive the industries of raw materials or adapt them to Germany's war needs. The seizure of foodstuffs is shown by the following quotations:—

The increased coffee ration in Germany has been made possible by the enormous stocks seized at Continental ports. (German Official News Agency, 4/9/40.)

Continually increasing fish exports to Germany now amount to 200 tons daily and involve the strictest economy in Norway. ("Syenska Dagbladet" 7/9/40.)

Hr. Olesen, chairman of the Danish Work organisation, has just explained publicly to his own people that Denmark has no option but to send large quantities of food to Germany:—

Many people (he said) consider that every kilogramme of produce leaving the country is being taken from us in a manner likely to undermine our existence. They would prefer to keep everything in Denmark in order to ensure us against a lack of food. To keep back is impossible. "Nationen" (Copenhagen), October 13, 1940. When Hr. Olesen, in a revealing phrase, later referred to the "forced realisation of our assets":—

Such examples, merely, the latest of an endless list, confirm the nature of the New Order, which contains nothing either new or orderly. It is simply a return to the Old Disorder, the denial of any fair dealing, the helplessness of the weak before the temporarily strong, the destruction of independent relations among countries. Throughout European history there have been many who claimed to be establishing New Orders. Indeed, a clear statement of what European peoples are now fighting (Continued on Page 13)

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

THE HALIFAX APPOINTMENT

The American people have extended a cordial welcome to Lord Halifax as British Ambassador. They respect his ability, integrity and deeply religious sincerity, and they do not fail to recognise the great importance which Britain attaches to the Washington post, as implied by the appointment of the Foreign Minister to fill it. Considering the type of representation in London with which Mr. Roosevelt was for so long content, this is indeed a distinguished return. It has not, perhaps, made that intimate appeal to American opinion which might have been made by the appointment of some less conservative figure, some one less deeply identified with the "appeasement" of the Chamberlain era, of a wider popular appeal and less typical of the old tradition of British aristocratic officialism. But it is not easy to point to such a figure; while Mr. Churchill's problem in making the appointment was a complex one. If its real importance is to be found quite as much in its effect upon British policy at home as in its effect on American opinion, that was something for Mr. Churchill to decide.

Not the least valuable of the Prime Minister's qualities is his skill in so managing personal and party divisions within Britain as to keep a wholly united country behind him while at the same time freeing his administration for its great tasks. By appointing Lord Halifax to Washington he has not only removed another "Guilty Man" from his own government, and done so without invidious implications, but has been able to bring Mr. Eden back to the Foreign Office. This is a powerful move in the moral offensive upon the Mussolini regime; even more important, perhaps, it will tend to reopen real communications with the Russians. It has brought to the Foreign Office something of the boldness and imagination which it has lacked and won for it a confidence abroad, which under Lord Halifax it could never quite command.

And to say that Lord Halifax was not the ideal choice for the Embassy is by no means to say that he will not prove to be a very good one. He has one essential qualification which another man might have lacked; he can speak with unquestioned authority in Whitehall. Though he was Mr. Chamberlain's apologist in the "appeasement" era, the completeness of his conversion is as undoubted as was that of Lord Lothian. His ability and authority should serve well to keep relations between the two great democracies upon a secure plane of clarity and candour—in this world crisis the most vital single undertaking before the English-speaking world.

London, Nov. 13—Lord Chamberlain, Britain's Dominions Secretary, said to-night that the post-war world must be based on a peace system having its own police force. This first more or less specific statement, by a member of the British Government as to what should be the shape of things to come, was made by the Viscount in a speech to Oxford University conservatives.

"The nations in the organisation," he declared, "must agree to some limitation of their sovereignty. This is an essential of the continuation of peace."

The Viscount explained that he did not mean an international force "in generally accepted terms," adding: "I mean a force contributed by the nations who subscribe to the principles which inspired the organisation to which they belong. This police force must have adequate machinery for removal of the causes of war."

Looking back over the last 20 years, we can now discern the causes which have hurled Europe once more into the cauldron of war. The conflagration may even spread until it has enveloped the whole world. Yet when the armistice was signed in 1918, there were few of us who did not believe that for at least a century there would not be another great war. The vast majority of people in every country were weary; the masses hailed President Wilson as their deliverer, and the League of Nations as the commencement of a new era when war, with its misery and suffering, would be banished from the planet. Even the Germans were loud in their protestations of no more war.

As I write in this City of London, bombs are exploding all round, guns are booming and the nightly visitation has begun. So we can't help looking back, especially to those days immediately after the World War, when hopes ran high and when our leaders, led by President Wilson, appeared to be bending their energies to the establishment of a new order which would prevent the outbreak of new conflagrations, introduce principles of justice and law into the relationships of states, and make the world safe for democracy.

It is easy to recognise the mistakes which have landed us in a new Armageddon. There were two cardinal errors. The first that although President Wilson had declared that "if the moral force of the world will not suffice, the physical force of the world shall," the League was constituted without teeth. Article 16 of the Covenant provided for sanctions against the aggressor, but no attempt was made to organise what Wilson described as "the major force of mankind" to prevent the outbreak of war.

The machinery necessary to apply the brake and deter the aggressor by imposing economic, financial, and military sanctions was never developed. No International Police Force was set up which could act with promptness and vigor, should the necessity ever arise.

National States still retained control over their own forces and armaments which the framers of the Covenant intended should be pooled and controlled by the League for one purpose only—to assert the rule of law and prevent any country, large or small, from attacking its neighbours.

Secondly, Article 19, which recommended the peaceful revision of treaties from time to time, remained a pious aspiration, and no

authority in Whitehall. Though he was Mr. Chamberlain's apologist in the "appeasement" era, the completeness of his conversion is as undoubted as was that of Lord Lothian. His ability and authority should serve well to keep relations between the two great democracies upon a secure plane of clarity and candour—in this world crisis the most vital single undertaking before the English-speaking world.

Wanted: Policemen For A New World

By LORD DAVIES

Founder of the New Commonwealth Society, a Movement for Establishing an International Police Force.

effective machinery was created to give effect to its provisions. No attempt was made to establish an Equity Tribunal composed of impartial persons who would be able to deal with disputes which could not be settled by negotiation and conciliation. It suffered the same fate as Article 16.

Unfortunately, at the outset America deserted her offspring—the League—and without her active support the "major force of mankind" could not operate effectively. Thereafter the League degenerated, more and more, into a mere talking shop, and instead of developing into a real international authority, which could dispense justice, and if necessary guarantee its enforcement, it gradually lost its moral

authority and, when the crisis came, was impotent to stem the tide of aggression. The dictators—Mussolini and Hitler, backed by Japan—never lost an opportunity of weakening, and ultimately destroying, the League.

To-day, we are paying the price for our folly, complacency and wishful thinking. Now we realise that everything which we as free and democratic communities hold dear, is at stake. We must fight this war to the bitter end, because there can be no compromise with evil—no patched-up peace with Herr Hitler. Such a peace would only be an armed truce; the starting point of a new war for the destruction of our liberties and our democratic institutions.

To-day, we here in Britain are holding the fort. France has capitulated. The British Commonwealth alone is left to play the part of the International Policeman. We have no desire to annex territories, nor do we seek economic advantages. But we cherish our free and representative institutions, and are determined to put an end to gangsterism in Europe. It is only natural that we should confidently look to the United States for assistance in this stupendous struggle.

There are two reasons why we should do so. The first is that the United States of America has always been regarded as the champion of democracy and the exponent of federalism. The greatest contribution of Britain to the progress of civilisation has been the development of representative government; the outstanding achievement of the United States has been the growth of federalism. The existence of both is now threatened by the dictators in Berlin and Rome.

Secondly, there was a time when America was regarded as the foremost protagonist of law and order in the world. Thirty years ago, in the days of Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Elihu Root and other stalwarts, the American people supported the principle of arbitration for the settlement of international disputes. In 1910 United States Congress passed a resolution demanding the establishment of an International Navy and requested President Taft to submit this proposition to the governments of Europe. Sir Edward Grey, Britain's Foreign Minister, promised British sympathetic consideration but the Kaiser and his henchmen in Berlin rejected it.

How different the history of the intervening period might have been if this proposal had been accepted. Instead of two major wars in 25 years, we might have enjoyed peace and unprecedented prosperity.

The essential problem still remains unsolved. How are we to put an end to international racketeering? It is clear that should Herr Hitler win this war, the gangsters will be on top. Having, in rapid succession, put every country in Europe on the spot, it would be very difficult to dislodge them. That is why there can be no compromise. It is a fight to the finish.

There can be no rule of law, no justice, no freedom, so long as they are in possession of their ill-gotten plunder. On the other hand, even when Herr Hitler and his Nazis are defeated, it is impossible for the British Commonwealth alone and unaided to police the world. That is a task which must be undertaken by the major force of mankind.

If at the end of the war, the American Republic and the British Commonwealth are prepared to combine their air forces, just as years ago it was proposed by Congress to pool their navies, the problem would be solved, under the control and direction of a policing commission, appointed by, and responsible to, Congress and the Parliaments of the British Commonwealth. It could supervise a scheme of general disarmament—it could ensure and if necessary insist upon the creation of machinery for the peaceful settlement of all disputes. In short, it would become the foundation stone of the rule of law, and put an end to international racketeering.

During the period of reconstruction, and until the New Order had been fully established, it would be entrusted with the duties of an International Policeman. And when the transition period of say 10 or 20 years came to an end, other nations who signified their desire to participate in the maintenance of law and order could be enrolled as members of the International Force and contribute to its maintenance—a new League, but a League with power and authority.

Before this war is over, the combined air forces of the British Commonwealth and the United States may reach the figure of 80,000 planes or even more. And when the dictators have been finally vanquished, why should we repeat the mistakes of 20 years ago? Why should we then disperse these might of the air whose services can be enlisted not only to give us victory now, but also to establish a durable peace in the future.

Greece Fights For Democracy

By James Ross

Out of the somewhat bewildering events in the Balkans, there emerge a few concrete facts; sufficient, perhaps, to provide the basis for an attempt at an analysis. First, Italy's invasion of Greece has brought about the fourth setback—and perhaps the most serious so far—to Axis plans since the present war began. No matter how

the struggle ends, history will probably record that in the long run Germany's failure to obtain a complete Cannae in the Battle of France was a definite jolt to the juggernaut. Next ranks the failure to invade England; whether it was ever attempted is beside the point. Thirdly, the British Navy's attack on the French fleet at Oran prevented increase of German sea power. Now comes Mussolini's stupid blunder.

Why stupid? Because, with complete misconception of the actual employment of both air and sea power, he threw Greece into the hands of Britain, with the net result establishment of British air bases at points halving the previous distance between southern Italian ports and British bases, and setting them astride his African line of communications at its most sensitive point—the Strait of Otranto and the Ionian Sea. Incidentally, he also placed British air power within easy range of his Albanian communications.

Whether or not this be viewing the Balkan scene with rose-tinted glasses, the fact remains that no sooner was Grecian terrain open to England than the Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm went into action—the former against the Italians struggling in the mountain passes of the Pindus range, the latter in its brilliant coup of torpedoed from the air a considerable proportion of the Italian fleet in the harbour of Taranto.

Out of Mussolini's sending of a boy to do a man's job, as his so far abortive invasion of Greece appears to have been, another significant fact emerges. The Rumanian oil fields are now within range of British bombing planes based in Greece. Added to this is the loss of "face" by Italy, which may go far in stiffening Yugoslavia's attitude. And, after all, through that country lies the royal road to invade Greece and Turkey.

It is amazing that these considerations should not have been thoroughly weighed by Axis general staffs, prior to Italy's move. Perhaps they were. There is some indication, though from Greek and Yugoslavian sources, which may be biased, that Italy expected no Grecian resistance. One can only surmise on this, of course.

In any event, Mussolini has split quite a few beans, which Hitler must pick up. Hence the frantic efforts to spread Axis domination in other parts of the Balkans, the inclusion of Hungary, and the probable inclusion of Bulgaria and Rumania. The last last named, of course, was already

under German domination except for the barrier erected by the Soviet land-grab of Bessarabia. The Hungarian alliance is the most significant of these moves, since it throws wide the main highway southward through the Balkans.

To understand this, one must examine the physical geography of that area. From Vienna south to Belgrade in Yugoslavia the natural path of conquest is down the Danubian valley, thence up the Morava valley to Skopje, thence south again down the Vardar valley to Salonika. East from Nis runs nature's pathway into the Maritza through Bulgaria and down into the Turkish plain. And a Yugoslavia which might well under present circumstances make a bold stand against Italy's one real gateway into the country—the Pear Tree Pass leading into the Sava valley—could not withstand for long the body-blow of a German invasion via Hungary. Such a move would, of course, be facilitated by a complacent Bulgaria, greedy to obtain a few crumbs from the Axis table, and would be a grave threat to Turkey in Europe.

However, when it is recalled that Soviet Russia has thus far matched every German eastward move by a "cooperative extension" which now reaches from the Baltic to the Black Sea, one might speculate upon what means Russia would seize to erect further barriers of protection. A Germanic littoral on the Black Sea and Germanic domination of the Dardanelles would spell one more frustration of age-old Russian ambitions for an all-weather sea lane to the Atlantic via the Mediterranean.

Axis propaganda thunder rumbles loudly further to the west, with all outward indications pointing to a move into Spain, or Spanish cooperation in direct attack upon Gibraltar, with the objective of cutting the British Mediterranean life-line and, by use of Spanish western ports and air bases, dominating the Atlantic sea lanes by submarine and by air.

Let us examine this threat. If successful, it would be a heavy blow to the British Empire. Two things mitigate against success, however. In the first place, Spain is to-day in no condition to wage a major operation of warfare against Gibraltar. In the second place, Spain, already almost at starvation's door, could not support an Axis expeditionary force. That Germany must make some move to retrieve the Mediterranean situation is indicated. That it will be either through Spain or through the Balkans is further indicated. Either operation must be aligned by an ever-lengthening line of communications. Simultaneous moves both ways violate the principles of simplicity and economy of force. When to these points be added the fact that the Rumanian oil supply, vital to both Italy and Germany, is menaced so long as British air power has Grecian bases, the scales tip in the direction of the Balkans. Further prediction comes into the realm of pure conjecture.

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GEN. THE EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE REVIEWS NEW ARMY

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with
the Ethiopian Army Somewhere in the Sudan)

THERE IS A RATTLE OF MUSKETRY AND HUNDREDS OF SMALL DARK MEN CLAD IN WHITE JIBBAS AND KHAKI SHORTS LEAP FROM THE COVER OF THORN BUSHES AND ADVANCE IN OPEN ORDER ACROSS THE DESERT TO WHERE, IN THE MIDST OF A GROUP OF HIS STAFF, STANDS A SMALL, BEARDED KHAKI-CLAD FIGURE WEARING A TOPEE AND WITH THE CROSSED SWORDS OF A GENERAL ON HIS EPAULETTES.

The Emperor Haile Selassie is watching exercises by the new Free Army of Ethiopia, which is being trained in the Sudan by British, South African and Rhodesian officers.

SHA YU CHUNG RUMOURS

RUMOURS IN CHINESE CIRCLES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE OCCUPIED SHA-YU-CHUNG, MIRS BAY TERMINUS OF THE TAIPO-SHA-YU-CHUNG FERRY SERVICE, ARE OFFICIALLY DENIED.

Although there are four Japanese warships in Bias Bay no landing has been attempted and the Japanese troops along the border have also not started an offensive.

The ferry service between Kowloon and Sha-yu-chung was functioning smoothly the whole day yesterday.

After the exercises, the Emperor drives to the parade ground in the middle of the encampment composed of low matting huts, and stands at the salute while the cream of his troops, shouldering Britain's most modern rifles, march past in long lines, throwing up great clouds of dust.

At their head rides the Crown Prince of Ethiopia, mounted on a magnificent white charger. The Emperor smiles as his son salutes, for once again the ancient House of Judah stands at the head of a fighting army ready for battle.

Well Pleased

The Emperor told me to-day he is well pleased with the progress and bearing of the troops, which he attributed to the British officers.

These officers, some of them well over six feet in height, were formerly graziers and white hunters in Kenya, mining engineers in Rhodesia, schoolmasters and so on, having knowledge of Abyssinia. One former Sudan District Commissioner is among them.

All commands are given in English, and one burly Ethiopian sergeant was heard to say: "Pick 'em up there, you sons of Africa."

All The Arts

The troops are trained in all the arts of war and include men from distant parts of Abyssinia and former refugees in Kenya from the Italian invasion.

During long journeys in twos and threes or in large bands they stole rifles and machine-guns and attacked where possible.

The Emperor's second son, the Duke of Harrar, is now under training with the British and will shortly take a command. He was formerly in Wellington College O.T.C.

A constant stream of Abyssinian troops and camel convoys of arms is finding a way into the Abyssinian interior where British artillery, manned by Abyssinians, is already in position.—Reuter.

NAZIS SPARING IN BOASTS

The Swedish newspaper "Gothenburg Handelstidning" yesterday declared: "Germany is much more sparing in the overflowing promises which the press and propaganda spread after last summer's successes."

"When the 'Frankfurter Zeitung' writes that the world shall see Adolf Hitler prove by the initiative he has never lost, the state-

"AMERICAN SITUATION" DISCUSSED

A telegram from Rome received in New York yesterday indicated that Hitler and Mussolini discussed the "American situation" at their conference.—Reuter.

ROBERT BOOTHBY PROTESTS

That his decision was not dictated by the findings of the Select Committee was stated by Mr. Robert Boothby in a letter to the Prime Minister yesterday tendering his resignation as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food.

Mr. Boothby was censured by the Committee for his conduct in connection with the payment out of Czech assets in Britain of claims against the Czech Government and institutions.

Mr. Boothby, in his letter yesterday, adds: "I have felt for some time that it would be my duty to resign even if the Committee exonerated me, for I considered that the way in which the case was prepared and presented is without parallel or precedent in parliamentary history."

Reserving Comment

"My only regret is that the way in which I have been treated prevented me from rendering service to the cause for which I have fought as long as you have yourself."

"I reserve all further comment on these matters for my constituents and the House of Commons."

"I profoundly deplore this interruption to an association with you which I have deeply and sincerely valued."—Reuter.

TASS REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Tass report from Chungking quotes diplomatic quarters in Washington as source for a report that England has sent to Singapore some 200 of the newest American Brewster fighters.—International News.

ment is given as a form of belief and is nothing other than a message that something will happen one day.

"The vague indefinite tone in the newspaper is natural. It is certain that important changes in the conduct of the war must come in the Spring."

"The Turks still believe absolutely that Russia is the most difficult obstacle between Germany and the Bosphorus and perhaps for German progress through the Balkans."—Reuter.

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NAZI NETWORK IN UNITED STATES

(By A Correspondent)

LATEST INDICATIONS in New York and Washington are that the U.S. authorities now have a mass of information about Nazi espionage, sabotage and propaganda organisation in the United States.

Hundreds of investigators have been sending in reports on what turns out to be a fantastic network the methodical Nazis have stretched across the continent.

LOCAL EFFECT OF BLAST DAMAGE

Through eye and ear we have all learnt much about bombs and their effects during the past weeks, writes a Home Correspondent, and the blitzkrieg has been particularly fruitful in yielding knowledge to the scientists of the Civil Defence Research Committee.

Experimental work on blast and other effects, carried out with the aid of delicate apparatus, has upset many preconceived ideas and popular beliefs.

Blast is not so terribly destructive as was generally held, but that is only because its effects are very local. It creates in the immediate vicinity of the explosion a wind six times as violent as the tornado, credited in America with an air speed of 500 miles an hour, but the wind, which is really the gas from the bursting explosive, is very short-lived.

4,000ft A Second

Beyond a distance of 30ft from the burst of an ordinary bomb of, say, 500lb weight it fades away rapidly, and at 50ft is almost innocuous, so far as destructive effect on buildings is concerned. Splinters from the burst will still have a velocity of 4,000ft. per second at 50ft, nearly four times the speed of sound.

With a radius of 10 yards the blast exerts its full force; from the point of view of effect anywhere in that circle counts as a direct hit. Blast alone, however, is not believed to be lethal, except at very close range.

It might kill through shock to the heart or lesions of the lungs owing to the mouth having been closed, but not through the mere velocity of the gas.

Immediately behind the gas there follows a pulsating air wave and the first pulsation appears to be always inwards towards the bursting point. House fronts which collapse on the edge of a bomb crater generally fall, or rather are pulled, outwards.

It used to be held that up to a certain distance blast blew windows in and beyond that distance or round the corner, sucked them out. There is now known to be a violent to-and-fro wave. Many of the freak effects of which we hear so often are due to this.

In one case, authenticated by the researchers, the blast blew in the window of a room. The door immediately opposite was pulled open by the following suction pulse and the glass from the shattered window passed through into the passage beyond.

Earthwaves

Besides creating a momentary tornado many times as violent as nature's, a high-explosive bomb gives birth to an earthwave such that only solidly-built structures within the direct-hit zone can withstand it.

But here also, as in the case of the blast wave in the air, the effects rapidly grow less farther away from the bursting point. The direct-hit zone varies with the nature of the soil, and of course with the size of the bomb. But with a heavy bomb it does not extend much more than 80ft.

Windows are shattered easily

These investigators have been working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for the Department of Justice, for the Dies Committee (set up by Congress to assemble evidence of subversive activity) and for District Attorneys' offices in separate States and cities.

A story that has recently come from Washington is that both the Federal Bureau and the Dies Committee have gathered such potent material that the State Department has had to take a hand.

"Dynamite"

The State Department is understood to believe that publication of the facts now might create a storm sufficient to affect U.S. policy — even to the extent, someone has suggested, of making possible a public demand that diplomatic relations with Germany should be broken off.

Correspondence files of Nazi organisations have been seized in New York. Simultaneously, Federal agents have been busy in San Francisco, New Orleans, Boston and other important cities.

In Wall Street

Authorities are also still investigating information privately submitted, and ranging from details of the working of the Gestapo in New York to charges of Fifth Column activity against individuals in Wall Street offices.

One member of the Dies Committee recently disclosed, for example, that the German American Bund has been found to have 600 members or sympathisers in industrial plants in the east which are working on rearmament contracts.

Existence has also been established of an organisation working in the eastern and Gulf ports to disaffect crews of ships carrying supplies to Britain.

"ABJECT FAILURE" OF THE POPE

The Bishop of Chelmsford (Dr. Henry Wilson) has replied to critics of his recent address to Chelmsford Diocesan Conference, in which he referred to "the abject failure of the Pope to give spiritual guidance to the people who look to him for spiritual leadership," and added that the Papacy was anti-British and anti-Democratic.

In his Diocesan Chronicle letter, Dr. Wilson said: "I was particularly referring to the Pope's silence since Italy entered the war. Despite the many violent letters I have received I regret I cannot modify this."

"The Pope is an Italian living in Rome under the shadow of Mussolini. He has to guide him the most astute masters of foreign policy, and it would be remarkable indeed if he were not to follow the example of many of his predecessors and endeavour to turn things to his advantage."

by blast, but much less easily if they are slightly open or free to rattle.

One of the most curious blast effects was seen when a bomb struck a block of flats in London some days ago. It cut the building in two, with the result that people in the street could see half of two bedrooms, with the beds undamaged but perilously near the edge.

U.S. NAVY PROGRAMME FOR AIR MENACE

By 130 votes to nil the United States House of Representatives yesterday approved an appropriation of £75,000,000 to strengthen the Navy's protection against air attack.

This was the first Bill to be passed by the House at the 77th Congress.—Reuter.

KWANGSI GOVERNOR IN CHUNGKING

General Hwang Hsu-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, arrived in Chungking from Kweilin by plane yesterday. He will see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.—Central News.

ANHWEI CHANGES

Mr. Yang Yi-tsu, Anhwei Finance Commissioner, has been relieved of his post, and Mr. Kwei Ching-chiu, member the Anhwei Provincial Government, appointed to serve as Anhwei Finance Commissioner.—Central News.

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BRIDGE NOTES
MAKING THE LITTLE TRUMPS
By The Four Aces

One of the marks of the beginner is an undue haste to use his own small trumps by ruffing. This seldom increases the trick-taking power of the hand, since those trumps would be good whether Declarer ruffed with them or simply led them from his own hand; and very often premature ruffing with small trumps so weakens Declarer's trump suit that he loses control of the hand.

Nevertheless, situations occasionally arise in which it is correct for Declarer to seek as many ruffs as he can get. For example:

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 7 6 3
♥ Q
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ Q 7 5 2

♠ 10 8 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ 7 3
♣ Q J 7 4

♠ A K J 9 4
♥ 8
♦ 10 5 2
♣ K J 9 3

The bidding:
East South West North
1♠ 2♥ Dbl. Pass
Pass Pass

After his woefully weak double had been passed all around, West led the ten of spades, holding the trick. He continued the suit and South realised that his small trumps were not natural trick-winners, so embarked on a campaign to make them by ruffing.

The first step was to enter dummy with the Queen of hearts and ruff a third round of spades. Then South cashed the King and Ace of diamonds, and ruffed a third round of diamonds with his last small trump. Six trump tricks and two high diamonds thus gave him his contract. Note that West could have defeated the contract by shutting to trumps at the



The life of the party is often the headache of the family.

second trick and leading trumps every time he gained the lead.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 6
♥ 10 5
♦ Q J 9 7 5
♣ K Q 4

The bidding:
You Schenken Jacoby Maier
1♦ Pass Pass Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. That bid does not show any strength in excess of your opening bid; it merely confirms the spade suit. To bid one no-trump denies the spade support and may seriously interfere with whatever bidding follows.

Score 100% for two spades, 50% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 620

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 10 4
♣ A J 2

The bidding:
Maier Jacoby You Schenken
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD By ED REED

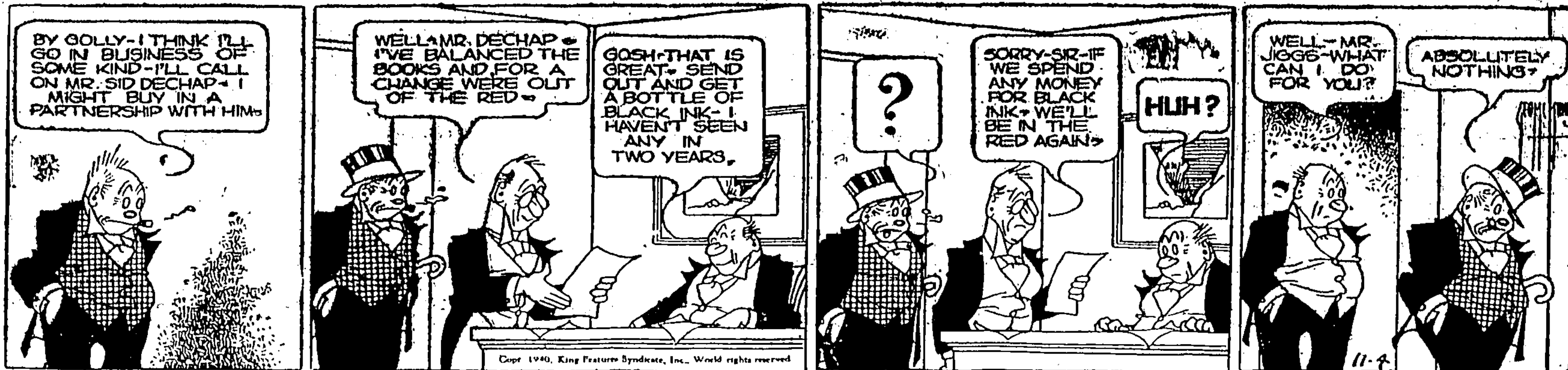


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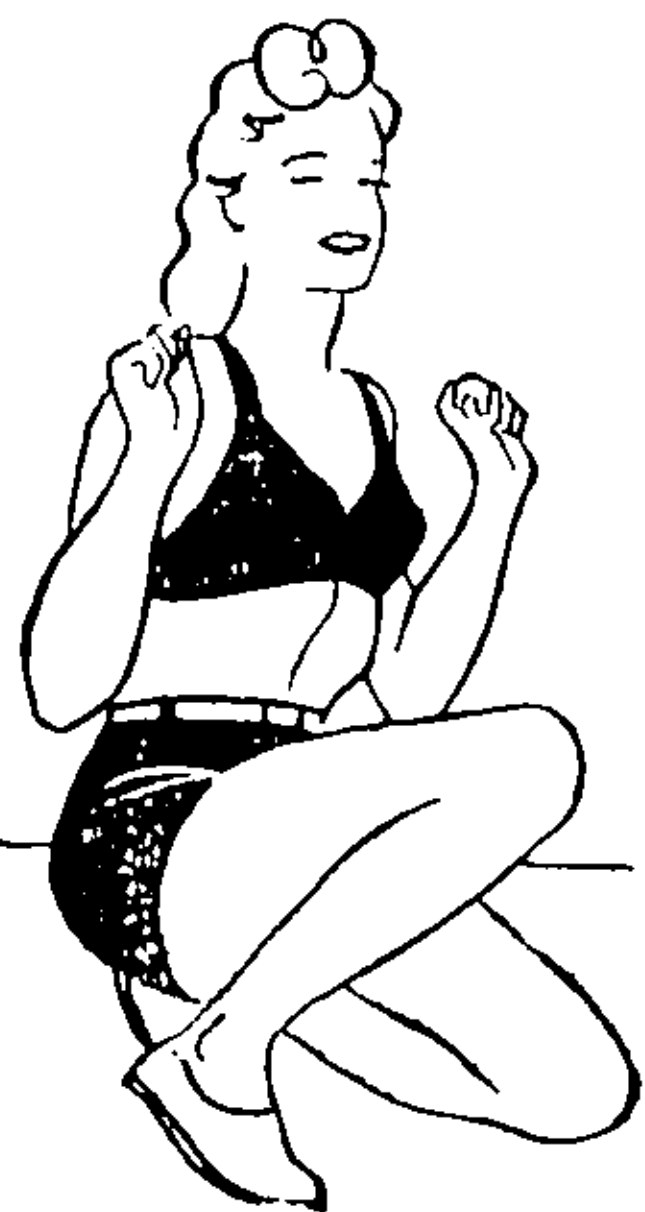


A PAGE FOR WOMEN Exercise Rather Than Diet

To put women quickly into pretty shape Dorothy Gray's Salon in New York has whipped up a special refashioning course of exercises from which we have borrowed to help you reduce a too-large hip and thigh measurement.

This salon stresses exercise more than dieting to slim hips and thighs. They claim that if one dieted sufficiently to reduce hips and thighs quickly, one's face would look strained and other figure measurements would suffer. In fact this salon is very firm about taking diligent care of your skin and hair while you are reducing for they are convinced that too many women neglect the necessary beauty routine while they are reducing. The consequences you are familiar with!

Reducing Exercise



THE SQUADDLER — for hip and thigh reducing

But let's get on with the hippy problem—here is a "Squaddler" movement which is stolen from a football coach's routine. It is excellent for keeping hips boyish and for reducing flabbiness on inner thighs:

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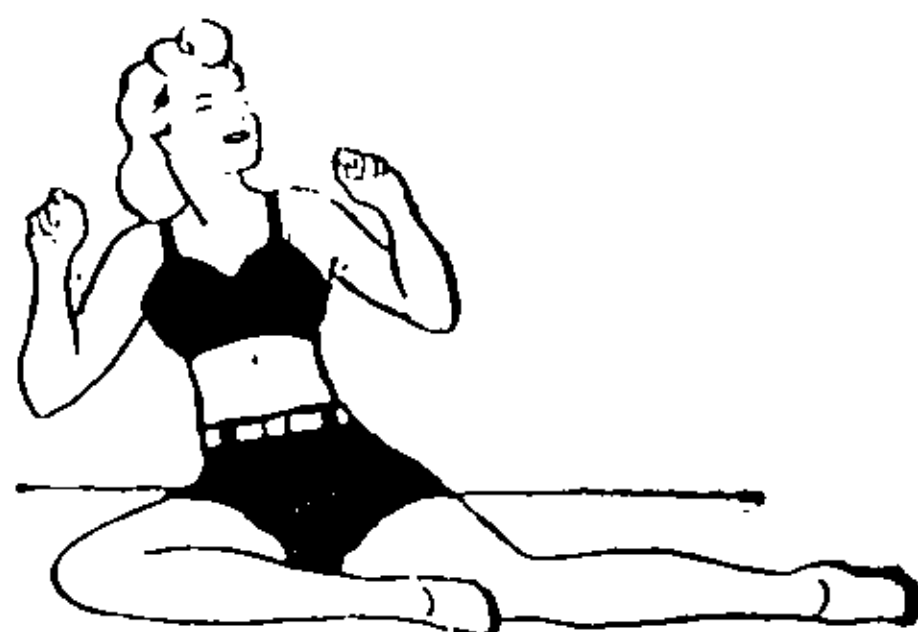
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When you have walked forward in this position for three or four minutes, then walk backward. Move quickly so both legs are in action at the same time. Naturally the more rapidly you can move about the more quickly your hip measurement will decrease!

Another Slimmer



THE THRESHER—for slimming below the waistline.

This exercise is difficult to comprehend but not so difficult to do.

Like No Make-Up

Hollywood casting experts who annually interview thousands of girl screen aspirants from all parts of the country say there is one thing that betrays a rural girl — her makeup. She usually wears too much!

The basic principle of using make-up to enhance one's beauty is this — it must be an illusion. If make-up is obvious it is not beautiful!

One popular young screen beauty, Lucille Ball, has a lot to say about make-up. "Too much make-up makes a girl look hard or simply comical. I know this because when I had the role of a variety queen of burlesque my bangs were fluffed and my hair dressed fancy. Long artificial lashes heavily leadened with mascara were added to my own, and my mouth was widened and darkened with brilliant lip colour. To complete the picture they exaggerated my brow arch. I looked like I was supposed to look like — and it wasn't lovely!"

"Later I acted a natural role and my hair was brushed into a lustrous, sleek coiffure, my brows were left in natural curves, only my upper lashes were darkened a bit at the tips and lipstick outlined my lips lightly. I felt and looked like myself!"

Regarding Day Make-Up

If you youngsters would like to know what a screen actress uses on her face for daytime make-up, when she is not acting before the camera, listen to Lucille's testimony: "My street make-up is very simple. I begin with a powder base which is light in texture of a colour which matches my current skin shade. I apply it lightly with a fresh sponge. Too much

You must, however, have a large cleared space in which to throw your legs about.

Sit with left leg outstretched to side, right knee bent so right foot touches left thigh. Raise hands and arms, chest and head so your spine will be in good position — you may bend your elbows.

Now by balancing and rolling the body on the buttocks, lift both legs off the floor at once and swing them to reversed positions which means your right leg will be outstretched at side and your left leg bent so foot will touch your right thigh.

This thrashing from side to side must be done rapidly and rhythmically and both legs must move simultaneously and under no circumstances must you use your arms or hands to help you—they are held up in the air as pictured.

This exercise, once mastered, is a honey for reducing midriff, tummy, thighs and hips.

If you practice just these two exercises every day for a month you will be able to slip into a size smaller gown and be ever so much more agile and graceful than you are now with a too-heavy hip line!

powder base gives your face a pasty look so I try to avoid that. When my skin is nicely tanned or when the weather is moist and warm I omit the base altogether.

"When this base has dried I apply a touch of dry rouge with a long-handled brush which is about a half-inch wide. I like brushes for make-up because I think they create a more natural effect.

"But let me warn you about rouge—use it ever so sparingly. Rouge acts as a highlight and a shadow—that's why it takes expert application. Apply it to the highest point of the cheek and blend it to no colour at the edges. Never let it touch laugh or sun lines at the corners of the eyes or mouth for rouge accents wrinkles.

"I brush my lashes and brows free of powder and leave them that way and I prefer a clear, bright lipstick for daylight wear rather than the deeper, dusky shades. I confess, however, that I frequently change the shape of my lips with lip colour. Just a whim most women indulge in."

For Evening Wear

"For some evening occasions I wear eyeshadows, mascara and accent my brows with pencil. I think that too much eye make-up, or too much of any make-up makes a girl self-conscious and she cannot act her natural, charming self. That, of course, is a mistake. If you apply your make-up cleverly at home you should be able to forget all about your face while you are out.

"You notice I didn't say anything about using powder. I don't use it. I feel that the moist look the powder-base gives my skin is prettier than a dull, powdered look. There are times, too, when I do not wear rouge in daylight hours."

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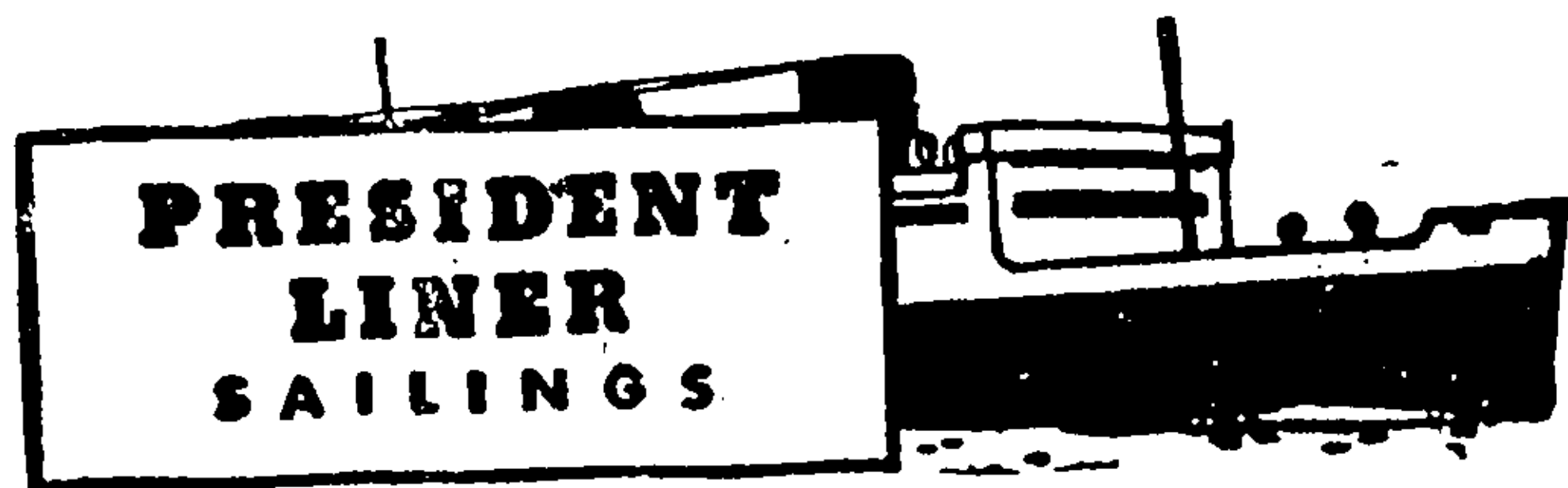
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1.03 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety with Elsie Carlisle and The Street Singer.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Bach.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Studio—Talk on Ballet illustrated by gramophone records.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

8.12 p.m.—Musical Comedy "Please Teacher", Bobby Howes and Company with the London Hippodrome Chorus and Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk "Democracy Marches".

9.45 p.m.—A Programme of French Music.

10.14 p.m.—Violin Solos by Mischka Elman.

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Bombs were falling. A Post Office official bravely stayed at his work... a Red Cross nurse hurried out to answer the call of duty.

A bomb hit the post office and the official was killed.

A bomb splinter struck the nurse. She, too, is dead.

The official was not the only hero of a north-east coast town, which came smiling through an air raid with the loss of only one life and a few people slightly injured.

The plucky conduct of Boy Scouts acting as messengers to the A.R.P. organisation was warmly praised.

Robert Cooper, a sixteen-year-old Scout, was on duty at an A.R.P. post when the first bombs fell near.

Without hesitation, Robert set out on a bicycle to deliver the report by hand at the report centre near the town hall. The way was blocked in places by debris, but Robert picked up his machine, climbed with it over the wreckage, continued his journey and returned for more messages.

Two bicycles had their tyres punctured, but Scout Cooper did not give in. He continued on foot, running from post to post, while bullets rattled over the town and Spitfires fought off the raiders.

Twice in the same day the Red Cross nurse ran from her parents' shop to her post when raiders came to her south of England town.

The third call to duty came when the ominous drone of enemy planes sounded overhead.

This time tragedy dogged her running footsteps. Within a hundred yards of her destination she was struck dead.

Her parents' shop was damaged in the raid.

Next morning a demolition squad found an eight-year-old boy who had sought refuge there covering under the counter.

Although dazed, he said: "Hitler will pay for this."

Then he ran away.

REAR-ADMIRAL AMONG THE MISSING

Rear-Admiral E. J. G. Mackinnon, D.S.O., aged sixty, who was placed on the retired list in January, 1933, is reported missing in an official Admiralty communique.

The communique gives casualties arising from the various hazards of war, and not connected with any particular operation or ship.

The communique contains 357 names. Twenty-one officers are reported killed, seventeen missing and fourteen wounded.

Ratings killed number 106, eleven died of wounds. Sixty-six are missing, presumed killed, eleven missing and eighty-seven wounded.

Royal Marines killed, missing presumed killed and wounded total twenty-five. Three Australian and three Canadian ratings are reported killed.

NEW TWIST TO GERMAN PROPAGANDA

(Continued from Page 6)

for and of what they are fighting against, comes in the voice of King Sverre who, as recalled in Sverre's Saga, addressed his Norwegians in the year 1168. Even then there was the challenge against a free country's right to trade as it wished and to live its own life:—

We wish (said the King) to thank all English men who have come here with wheat and honey, flour and homespun. We thank those who have brought flax, wax, and kettles. We mention with friendship those who come from Orkney and Shetland, from the Faroes or Iceland, and all those who have brought to this country the things we cannot do without.

But the German men who come here in big numbers in big ships take away our butter and our dried fish; and because of these outgoings there arises great destruction for our country. In return they bring wine which has caused many of our people to lose their lives or their limbs, or to suffer shame or be wounded or beaten. I can only be ungrateful to the Germans for their conduct; and if they wish to keep their lives or their goods they must leave at once. Their errand has been of little use to us or to our land.

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Ramblerettes Start Well But Fade Out

By "Grandstand"

ALTHOUGH THE CONDITION OF THE GROUND ON SATURDAY AS THE RESULT OF THE RAIN, WAS SO BAD THAT THE COMPLETE MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE SCHEDULE HAD TO BE POSTPONED, THE FULL LADIES' LEAGUE PROGRAMME WAS PLAYED.

Behind the Sunday pitching of "Big Chief" Therese Noronha, the Wahos whitewashed the Little Flowers 10-0 in a seven-inning tilt featured by hurler Noronha's 10 erasures via the strikeout route.

Although Johnnie "Take your time" Fonseca's Florinhas have improved tremendously since their last outing, they were no match for the more experienced Wahos, and only managed to reach second base once, when Alda "Sweet-as-apple-cider" Castro heaved the Florinha third-sacker an easy grounder, high, wide and handsome. Socorro Sequeira was the only Little Flower to connect Therese Noronha for a safety, by slashing a single over the initial sack.

Lily Rozario Deputises

In the absence of regular Florinha hurler Lily Silva, who was unable to play, Lily Rozario worked on the slab, and fanned three Green-shirted Owls, and allowed only one walk. Ten Little Flowers withered before Therese Noronha's shoots, whilst two were given free tickets to first.

Wahos, starting with their regular line-up, lead-off hitter Yvonne Yolle, Irene "Tomboy" Castilho and Jackie Anderson, punched out three singles in a row, to garner their first two markers, after which they adopted milder tactics, by resorting to bunting, and were held scoreless for the next two frames, although Jackie Anderson was given a life on Lilian Foster's fumble, but was left stranded on second.

Socorro "Soso" Castro's neat dump scored Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle in the fourth for one more marker, but in the fifth and sixth frames, the Wahos rolled up a four-hit attack to dent the home-plate seven times and salt the game away.

Yvonne Yolle Jackie Anderson and Socorro Castro all collected two safeties each, whilst Jackie Anderson earned fielding honours by handling 13 chances without error. Yvonne Yolle was credited with no fewer than four stolen bases.

Sixth Inning Uprising

Although the Recrelo Ramblerettes put up a game fight for five

innings, a sixth-inning Wildcat uprising, which counted for 13 markers, gave the latter a 21-6 victory over the Ramblerettes. Starting with only eight players on the field, Cardinal short-stop Betty Fitzgerald was allowed to make up the team for the Recs, and for a while it looked as if the Wildcats had bitten off more than they could chew, as Betty assisted in six put-outs.

The wet condition of the ground caused errors to be committed wholesale by both sides, the Untamed Felines bungling nine times to the Ramblerettes' eleven, of which Lolly Rodrigues was responsible for no less than five.

Lily "Sunshine" Mar's heavy stick-work was outstanding. She batted safely three times out of five, and hit the only homers and two-baggers clouted in the game.

Slabstress Thelma Collaco for the Wildcats fanned four, and passed three, whilst Gerry Jorge on the mound for the Recs walked four and struck-out none.

Panthers Nosed Out

Despite a late rally which netted them eight runs in the sixth and seventh frames, the Panthers were nosed out by the Cardinals 14-13, in a game featured by Redbird coach "Doc" Molther's fiery protest against the umpire's decision on a play between third and home. Finding no ground for the protest, the decision was not reversed by the umpires.

The Panthers opened the scoring with a three-hitter which netted them three tallies, blanking the Redbirds in the first frame, and only allowing them a single marker in the next, but the determined Cards replied with two clusters of runs in the third and fourth to put them ahead 9-5.

Making effective use of their two singles off Babida in the sixth, the Pantherettes chalked up five tallies to threaten the Cardinals once more although the Redbirds tallied four times at their turn with the bat.

With the last inning coming up, the Cards were shut out, whilst the Panthers needed only four runs to tie the score, and came to within a shade of knotting the count as they scored three times, only to lose the decision.

Efegina Babida, on the slab, fanned two and passed three, whilst Lelia "La-la" Xavier toiling for the Panther Kittens was not up form, and whiffed two only.

Although Betty Fitzgerald's four-in-five batting was the best of the fracas, she bungled both fielding chances that came her way, whilst Cardinal key-stoner Gilly da Motta's three safeties brought in three markers for her side.

Regina Xavier gave a very poor display in the windy alley for the Panthers, miscuing six of the eight chances that came her way.

Notes On The Rules

For the benefit of certain critics who are unable to understand the Softball code, these few notes are meant to clear up the umpires' decision on the protested play above-mentioned.

Rule 29, Sec. 8 of the Official Softball Rules says that a runner is out, if in running to any base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between a base and the next one in regular or reverse

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

SENIOR LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	2	.778
St. Joseph's	7	2	.778
Indians	6	3	.667
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recrelo Aces	4	3	.571
Chinese Baseballers	3	4	.429
Filipinos	1	7	.125
Canadian Chinese	0	9	.000
JUNIOR LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chung Hwa	7	0	1.000
V.R.C.	5	1	.833
R.A.F.	6	2	.750
Recrelo Bees	6	3	.667
Cosmos	5	3	.625
South China	4	3	.571
Liga Portuguesa	3	4	.429
Royal Scots	3	4	.429
8th R.A.	2	7	.222
C.B.A.	1	7	.125
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000
LADIES' LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Canadian Chinese	9	0	1.000
Wildcats	8	1	.889
Wahos	9	2	.818
Panthers	6	5	.545
Cardinals	5	6	.455
Ramblerettes	3	8	.273
Little Flowers	1	9	.100
Chung Hwa	0	10	.000
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	W.	L.	Pct.
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KOTEWALL CUP MATCH OFF

The Kotewall Cup football match between Navy and Army, which was to have been played at Caroline Hill this afternoon at 4 p.m., has been postponed as Navy are unable to field a side.

ARMY-CLUB HOCKEY MATCH OFF

The hockey match between Army (British Ranks) and the Hong Kong Hockey Club was not played at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon due to the poor weather.

MIDDLESBROUGH CENTRE-FORWARD

SEASON'S TOP-SCORER in the Soccer Regionals is 18-year-old George Stobart. There must be something in the Middlesbrough air which suits centre-forwards, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

No club ever had such a rich succession as George Elliott, Andy Wilson, George Cammell, and Michael Fenton. All discovered and developed by the club. Total cost less than £500.

Yet it was Middlesbrough, specialists in home talent, who paid the first £1,000 transfer fee—for Alf Common.

And the historians of the day day labelled this "sensation" as a record that must stand unchallenged for all time! You couldn't get a second-rate junior for that before the war break.

The Champion Amateur

Most people have, I guess, forgotten that Middlesbrough went amateur after three years of professionalism, and in fact, won the Amateur Cup in successive years (1894 and 1895) before again going professional.

order to avoid being touched by a bat in the hands of a fielder. The note appended below the rule emphasises that the possession of the ball is the controlling factor.

In the play protested, it was generally agreed that the ball was only relayed from one player to another, not from one line-holder to another, and that the line-holder making any attempt to tag the runner. Therefore, it doesn't take much imagination to see that the runner was not avoiding being tagged, because no one was tagging her!

JUNIOR LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior loop, the R.A.F. shaded the Liga Portuguesa 8-7 after extra innings were played.

The Souzamen took the lead up to the seventh chapter, but the Airmen rallied and knotted the count six-all. In the eighth and ninth, both sides were unable to push over the tie-breaker, but in the third over-time stanza the Kai Tak squad tallied twice to the Liga's lone marker to take the game.

Despite Wally Welford's determination to chalk up their first victory—he turned out a full team—the Recrelo Bees triumphed over the Sappers 11-6.

In the night-cap, chief-umpire Welford called the South China-8th R.A. tussle during the sixth, on account of the heavy rain which rendered the ground unsuitable for play. South China, leading 11-3 at that stage, were therefore awarded the game.

LADIES' LEAGUE SOFTBALL SELECTIONS

The following team has been selected to represent the Ladies' Softball League in match against Kowloon Football Club, starting at 2.15 p.m. on Chinese New Year's Day:— First-String Battery—Therese Noronha and Jackie Anderson; Second-String Battery—Mary Ng and Dot Louie; First Base—Lily Mar; Second Base—Celeste Marques; Third Base—Gloria Mar; Short-Stop—Irene Castilho; Left-Field—Irene Pereira; Centre-Field—Betty Fitzgerald; Right-Field—Theresa Marques; Utility—Yvonne Yolle. All proceeds will go to the Bomber Fund.

K.C.C. SHOULD BEAT ST. JOHN'S

By "Adrem"

With Henry Eardley out of the St. John's team, Kowloon Cricket Club have every chance of beating the Saints in their "B" Division League Badminton match at the Cathedral Hall this evening.

If St. John's do lose they will not have to undergo the inconvenience of going into the Senior Division, as their record would oblige them to if they secured their fourth successive win at the expense of K.C.C., who have also been unbeaten this year.

Other matches this evening should result in victories for Victoria Recreation Club, King College and St. Andrew's.

Programme And Teams

Following is to-day's Badminton League programme and some of the teams:—

J.R.C. v. V.R.C.
Recrelo v. King's College
St. John's v. K.C.C.
St. Andrew's v. Police

St. John's:—D. Kwok and E. Kennard; N. L. Smith and P. Wilson; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd.
J.R.C.:—A. R. Poliak and S. Ramler; L. Landau and A. Odell; E. Godkin and M. Talan.
St. Andrew's:—E. F. Fincher and H. Kew; A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray; M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie.

King's College:—T. Lam and K. H. Lo; K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo; S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung.

Police:—W. Gillies and L. Gordon; R. Hagarth and J. Shepherd; J. Macdonald and H. Dingsdale.

Recrelo:—P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho; A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha; E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano.

H.K.C.C. TEAM FOR BIG MATCH

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club against Kowloon Cricket Club on January 27 and 28 at 11 a.m. on each day, at Chater Road:

H. Owen-Hughes, L. T. Ride, Major D. C. E. Grose, 2/Lieut. T. A. Pearce, 2/Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, D. McLellan, F. Baker, T. G. C. Knight, A. E. Perry, D. I. Bosanquet and R. H. Griffiths.

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club second eleven against the Police on Saturday at Chater Road at 2 p.m.:

C. W. E. Bishop (Capt.), N. D. Booker, G. J. P. Carey, H. Owen-Hughes, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, H. J. Armstrong, G. P. Charlton, W. G. Finnie, I. P. Tamworth and E. W. Pudney.

COLONY CHESS TOURNAMENT DRAW

The draw round by round, for the Colony Open Chess Championship Tournament (1941) has been announced as follows:—

TUES., FEB. 4:—D. E. de Carvalho v. C. M. Sequeira; G. S. Coxhead v. E. Zimmer; L. Karpovich v. K. Weiss.

THURS., FEB. 6:—Zimmer v. Carvalho; Karpovich v. Sequeira; Weiss v. Coxhead.

TUES., FEB. 11:—Carvalho v. Weiss; Sequeira v. Zimmer; Coxhead v. Karpovich.

THURS., FEB. 13:—Coxhead v. Carvalho; Weiss v. Sequeira; Zimmer v. Karpovich.

TUES., FEB. 18:—Carvalho v. Karpovich; Sequeira v. Coxhead; Zimmer v. Weiss.

THURS., FEB. 20:—Sequeira v. Carvalho; Zimmer v. Coxhead; Weiss v. Karpovich.

TUES., FEB. 25:—Carvalho v. Zimmer; Sequeira v. Karpovich; Coxhead v. Weiss.

THURS., FEB. 27:—Weiss v. Carvalho; Zimmer v. Sequeira; Karpovich v. Coxhead.

TUES., MARCH 4:—Carvalho v. Coxhead; Sequeira v. Weiss; Karpovich v. Zimmer.

THURS., MARCH 6:—Karpovich v. Carvalho; Coxhead v. Sequeira; Weiss v. Zimmer.

EVANS WINS

In the Senior Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club played yesterday evening, B. D. Evans defeated W. Lee.



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Sappers Win Small Units Rugby Final

ROYAL ENGINEERS won the small Units Rugby League when they beat Royal Scots in the final at Sookunpoo yesterday by three tries (9 points) to nil after leading at the interval by 3-0.

All three tries were scored by Birrell, who, in spite of the heavy ground, was very fast and was the most prominent player on the field.

Engineers opened their scoring in the first half when Birrell scored an uncovered try after a bout of good passing.

Before half-time Scots should have scored a try when Hunter was tackled five yards from the Sappers' line.

In the second-half Birrell missed a penalty kick and short y after Grace (Royal Scots) kicked wide of the posts from another penalty.

Birrell scored Sappers' second try when he received from Martin and evaded two opponents. He took the kick and failed.

Engineers scored their last try through Birrell as the result of a 25-yard dribble. Marshall just failing to stop the ball.

Col. Simpson presented the medals to both teams at the conclusion of the game.

Middlesex-Navy Draw

Middlesex Regiment and Royal Navy "A" played a scoreless draw yesterday when they met in a friendly Rugby game at Causeway Bay yesterday.

To-day's Match Cancelled

The Club "A" rugger game on the Club ground this afternoon has been cancelled.

Navy to Play Police

Navy will play Police in a Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match at Causeway Bay, starting at 4.15 p.m. to-day.

HOCKEY TRIAL

An Interport hockey trial to select Hong Kong's team to meet Macao in Macao in February will be held on the Club ground, King's Park, on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.

Following are the teams:
Colours: V. M. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.); V. Bond (Club), Crosson (Engineers); M. H. Hassan (Khalsa), W. A. Reed (Club), N. B. Whitley (Club); Teja Singh (Police), T. S. D. Whitley (Club); Cpl. Hitchcock (Royal Scots), J. Fonseca (Recrelo), W. Brown (Police).

Whites: U. B. Souza (Khalsa); A. M. Xavier (Nomads), Man Singh (Police); T. Alves (Recrelo), Capt. Woods (Rajputana Rifles), D. McLellan (Club); Narwant Singh (Police); L/Cpl. Shaw (Engineers), Gurbachan Singh (Khalsa), M. Akram (Punjab), Lieut. J. Ross (Punjab).

The following are also requested to attend: E. Fowler (C.B.A.), Jesbir Singh (Police), R. Marques (Recrelo) Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex), B. I. Bickford (Club), J. Gonsalves (Recrelo), R. J. Reed (Nomads), Capt. Kampta Parsad (Punjab).

Selections To Follow

Following the trial, 15 players will be selected and the Colony's team will be chosen on the date of the match from these. Several practice matches for these 15 players will be arranged. The first will take place on Tuesday on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. against a team yet to be nominated.

The Selection Committee have

RACEHORSES SOLD CHEAP

A man with quite a modest bank balance could have gone bargain-hunting with reasonable hopes of picking up a Derby or other big race winner for a song when Messrs. Tattersalls held their Newmarket sale, writes a Home correspondent.

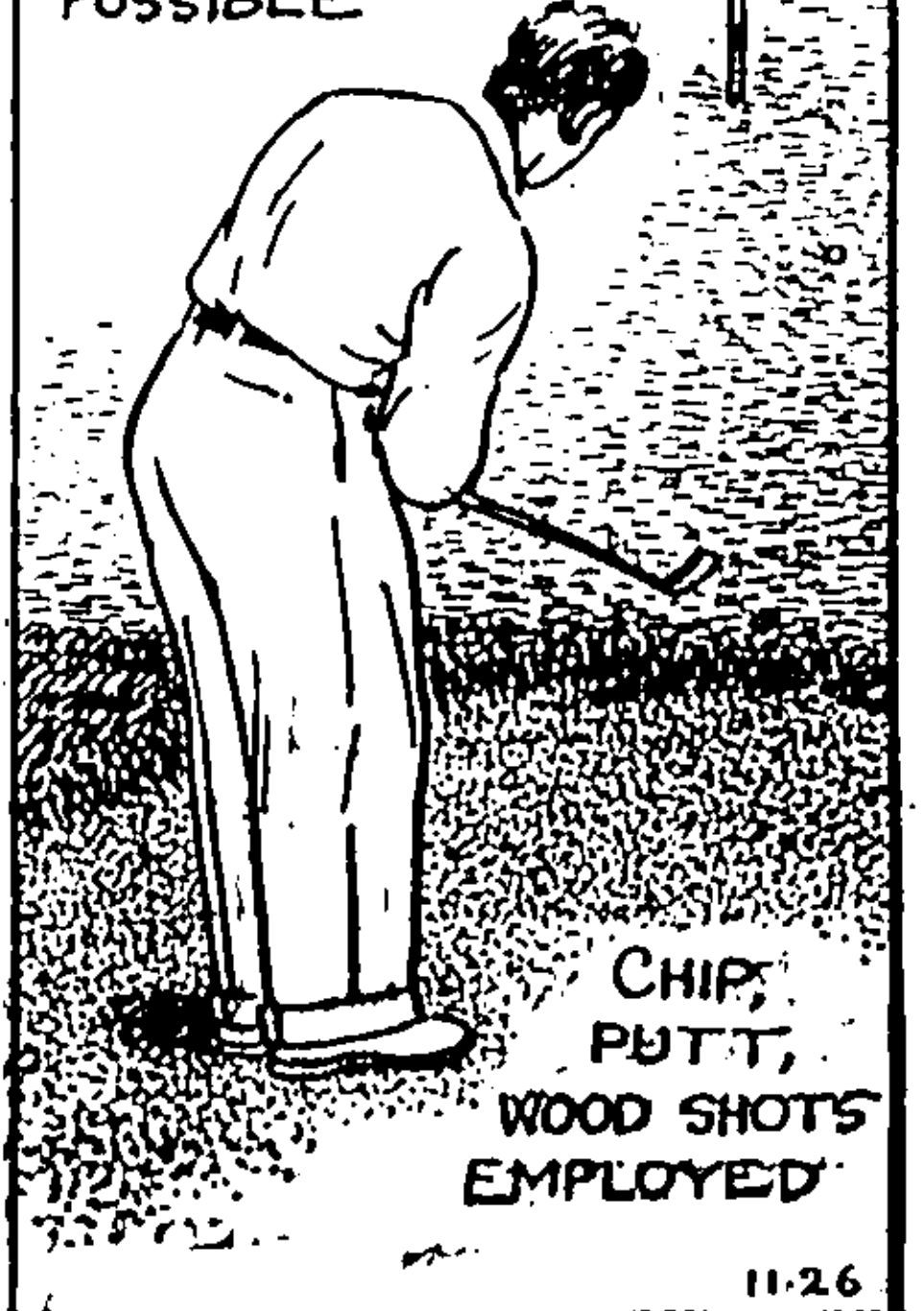
I doubt whether even the last war produced such "gifts" in the sale ring. A fiver would buy young racehorses which, in normal years, would have realised bids of hundreds of pounds if not four figures.

Five guineas secured yearlings by such well-known sires as the flying grey, Xandover, the equally fast Tommy Atkins and His Grace, The Black Abbot and Alshah—all famous racers a few years back.

Older horses fetched rather better prices, but even such winners as Peter Kane (with a Cesarewitch engagement) and Holy Terror realised only 130 and 200 guineas.

GRAPHIC GOLEA

NUMEROUS METHODS OF ESCAPE FROM SAND TRAPS POSSIBLE



Sand Trap Tips

By BEST BALL

Using a putter in a sand trap may not appear strictly blue book etiquette to a lot of players, who are used to nothing but a niblick here, but it is being done by the best players. All that is needed is a good lie with the ball resting well on top of the sand, a firm surface, damp sand will help this quality, and the right sort of edge to the green.

The latter quality is important. The green must slope gently down to the bunker minus any over-hanging edge for the use of this shot. The ball hit slightly downward, will bounce over the sand and onto the green. Avoid getting sand between the putter face and the ball and thus deadening the power of the stroke. A similar precaution must be taken with chip shots from the trap, often employed when the sharp edge of the green prevents a rolling, putt like shot.

When distance is desired and the ball sets up well, a brassie or spoon may be employed. For power shots the player must dig in to avoid slipping, only taking sand after the ball has been hit.

Next Article:—Crisp Iron Play.

not yet been informed by the Army Sports Board whether Army players will be able to make the trip but the Committee have every reason to believe that the Sports Board will make known its decision before Saturday.

Members of the Selection Committee are Lieut. J. P. Gunnar (Royal Navy), Capt. Cartwright-Taylor (Royal Engineers), K. Hussain (Civilians), V. M. Benwell (Hon. Secretary).

A. P. PEREIRA BEATEN

Cpl. J. H. Harvey, Army billiards and snooker champion, last night beat A. P. Pereira, of the Volunteers, in the best of three frames snooker exhibition before an enthusiastic gathering at the European Y.M.C.A.

Pereira won the first frame 96-15, and Harvey won the next two 69-58 and 62-28.

POLICE STATION MATCH

A friendly Snooker match will be held between Kowloon Police and Royal Army Medical Corps, the Army team Billiards Champions, at the Water Police Station at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Police will be represented by Sub-Insp. Bradwell and Sergeants Pile, Pope, Matches, Johnston and Haynes.

When S. A. Gray, president of Hong Kong Badminton Association, took the court for St. Andrew's Club against Kowloon Cricket Club on Wednesday he was playing in his first League match for three years. Gray was one of a small group who started badminton in the Colony and he has been largely responsible for the present popularity of the game.

SHOT WRONG HORSE

A story with the Nat Gould touch was provided by the sensational attempt to cripple the Melbourne Cup favourite, Beau Vite—five days before the race—writes a Home correspondent.

The attempt failed on a million-to-one chance. The attackers, who bored a small hole in the wall of the box at the stables, shot Beau Vite's stable mate, El Golea, by mistake.

El Golea, not entered for the Cup, is a dead ringer of his illustrious companion. Both are brown horses and similarly bandaged.

Whenever I hear nobbling stories I think back to a famous French favourite for the Derby, which was guarded day and night by armies of detectives.

Overnight the horse was reported to be a victim of a coughing epidemic then sweeping the stables.

After an eve-of-the-race story, a Fleet Street night editor wired the trainer and got back the classic reply:

"The horse is well, but the detectives are coughing."

Kowloon Tong's recent setbacks have been to some extent the result of the inability of their captain, Frank Kwok, to play. Kwok is suffering from an injured arm.

MAN WHO FOUND LOUIS

Just had a letter from an old fighter named Arthur Tracy, writes L. V. Manning. That name may convey little to you, though he met men like Frank Moody and Kid Doyle.

But Tracy is the genuine discoverer of none other than Joe Louis, though many others have claimed that distinction.

Tracy, who settled in America, helped to found the Detroit Motor Works Boxing Club. It was there that he first discovered and then developed Louis's talent.

Nineteen Stone Hope

Tracy now tell me he thinks he has discovered Joe's successor. He is 19-year-old 6ft. 3in. Jim Powers, who has been registering some good wins.

His latest was over a Negro named Seantore Coplin.

Tracy claims that when he gets Powers down to a reasonable working weight—he weighs 19st. at the moment—he'll make the grade.

Tracy hopes to come to England soon, bringing his 16-year-old son with him. His boy, he tells me, is showing great promise as a scrapper.

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TOBRUK'S FATE SEALED

Imperial Forces Smashing Through Defences

First General Captured: Big Cruiser Ablaze

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at British
General Headquarters in Cairo)

AFTER STEADILY INVESTING THE TOWN FOR NEARLY THREE WEEKS BRITAIN'S ARMY OF THE NILE LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON TOBRUK EARLY YESTERDAY, AND HAVE PENETRATED THE DEFENCES, INNER AND OUTER TO A DEPTH OF FIVE MILES.

FRENCH FLEET

THE RECONCILIATION OF MARSHAL PETAIN AND LAVAL DOES NOT MEAN THAT FRANCE WILL TURN OVER THE FRENCH FLEET TO GERMANY, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY.

He is reported to have stated that the reconciliation was intended to curb attacks of certain Paris newspapers on the Vichy Government.

NO INFLUENZA

DESPITE WAR CONDITIONS, THERE HAS, AS YET, BEEN NO SIGN OF ANY INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN BRITAIN, THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH STATED YESTERDAY.

If there is no epidemic by the beginning of February, he continued, the danger should be past.

Blinding sandstorms that have been sweeping over the Western Desert almost continuously for the past week had hampered the final stages of the operations.

The troops had to force a way through yellow clouds of sand which reduced visibility sometimes to a few yards.

Most of our troops had been in contact with the Italians on the outer perimeter of Tobruk less than a week after the fall of Bardia, and this offensive has been prepared equally carefully.

Patrols have gone out nightly gathering precise information in regard to the Italian defences.

They found tank traps surrounding Tobruk so deep in places that they had to bring up ladders in order to enter and measure their size.

The outer perimeter of defences is about 30 miles in circumference.

Formidable Task

Unlike Bardia, Tobruk has a second line of defence, with a circumference of about 11 miles.

The outer circle is barbed-wired

all round, presenting a formidable task for the preliminary work of destruction by our Engineers.

British penetration of both the outer and inner defences of Tobruk, to a depth of five miles, was announced in a special communique issued last night from G.H.Q., Cairo.

Cairo Communique

The communique reads: "Shortly after noon to-day the Imperial forces, actively supported by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, successfully penetrated both the outer and inner defences of Tobruk to a depth of over five miles on a broad front."

"The advance is continuing. Many prisoners have already been taken, including one Italian general."

"An Italian cruiser, the San Giorgio, in Tobruk harbour, is in flames, together with a number of dumps of stores of petrol and the like."—Reuter.

Just A Matter Of Hours

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The capture of Tobruk by the British and Imperial forces is regarded as a mere matter of hours, since many of the Italian defences have already fallen into British hands.

This new success in Africa follows the sudden break through Tobruk's powerful outer defences after but a single day of concentrated assault to a depth of at least five miles.

Meanwhile British armoured units and motorised infantry are reported to have reached a point 30 miles east of Kassala, captured from the Italians last week. — International News Service.

ARTILLERY DUELS IN ALBANIA

Improvements in the weather resulted in heavy artillery duels in the central sector of the Albanian front from dawn all day, stated Athens radio yesterday.

Greek guns allenced many enemy batteries.

Thick snow covers the mountains where fighting is proceeding, and there is bitter cold and fog.

Despite the conditions the Greeks continue to maintain the initiative and to displace the enemy from fortified positions.

In the southern sector beyond Chimarra the Greeks encircled and captured a trench mortar corps, taking many prisoners. — Reuter.

TWO TRAWLERS SUNK

Two trawlers, Manx Prince and Refundo, have been sunk, states an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

There was no loss of life in Manx Prince but there were casualties in Refundo. — Reuter.

IL DUCE SUPPLIANT FOR AID

The meeting of Hitler and Mussolini took place at Berchtesgaden, according to the diplomatic correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" yesterday.

The correspondent says that for the purpose of propaganda the usual mystification was made but "I can state that the purpose of the conference was the quite simple one of transferring the Italian war machine to German control."

Mere fact that the meeting was held at Berchtesgaden and not, as in former meetings, on the Italo-German frontier, emphasises the subservient role Mussolini now takes.

This subservience may be unpalatable to Italian pride and may be disguised in the language of Italian propagandists but nevertheless the fact remains that Mussolini at the meeting was suppliant for German aid and had to accept the German terms.

These were for the command of the Italian forces in fact if not in appearance, the correspondent states. — Reuter.

ITALIAN WOMEN IN ABYSSINIA

The British Government has made no arrangements in collaboration with the Italian Government for the evacuation of women and children from Abyssinia, Eritrea and Somaliland, Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Any suggestion to this effect, he said, should surely come from the Italians or from those commanders on the spot.

In any case, it is not possible to interrupt the operations which are now in progress.

Mr. Churchill was also asked to make a statement about war and peace aims.

Most right-minded people in Britain and abroad, especially in

the United States, fully understand the cause and principles for which we are waging war against the Nazis, he replied.

The Government always kept a lookout for any opportunity of making a statement helpful to victory and the liberation of those nations now under the German yoke, but he was not able to add anything helpful at present to what has already been said.

STOP PRESS

Much concern is felt for the health of Mr. Lloyd George, who was severely shaken when the car in which he was travelling on Monday to Criccieth, in a vain attempt to reach the bedside of his wife who since died, crashed into an obstruction caused by a landslide in the Welsh mountains.

The elderly statesman, who was still suffering from the shock caused by Madame Lloyd George's death, is confined to his room and has been advised to rest before continuing his journey. — British Wireless.

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BATTLE ROYAL IN BUCHAREST

Rebellious Iron Guardists Fight Troops

COLONEL DROPS A BRICK

An "old school tie" controversy, which has been raging in the British newspapers for some days, reached Parliament yesterday.

The controversy was started by an allegation by Lt.-Col. Bingham in "The Times" that army officers from the middle classes had "fallen down on the job."

Yesterday Mr. M. K. MacMillan (Labour, Western Isles) asked Captain Margesson, the War Secretary, in the House whether disciplinary action would be taken.

Captain Margesson said King's Regulations forbade soldiers to publish press views on military subjects without special authority.

Lt.-Col. Bingham's attention had been called to this and a report asked from him. Action to be taken would be determined after a reply was received.—Reuter.

"DAILY WORKER" RAIDED

Britain's leading Communist newspaper, the "Daily Worker," has been suppressed by Government under the Defence Regulations.

Another Left Wing periodical called "The Week" was similarly suppressed yesterday.

The Home Secretary is satisfied that these papers systematically publish matter calculated to foment opposition to the successful prosecution of the war, states an official announcement.

Officers of Scotland Yard raided the offices of the "Daily Worker" yesterday and stopped publication just as the newspaper was going to press.—Reuter.

Orders have also been made under the Defence Regulations directing that printing presses and other apparatus shall not be used until leave of the High Court has been obtained and authorising the police to take steps, such as taking possession of the plant or premises, as may appear necessary for securing compliance with the Orders.—British Wireless.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS FOR WAR INDUSTRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Since Britain can expect no "appreciable" aid from the United States for nearly a year, plans were announced in London last night to "draft" hundreds of thousands of persons for a spurt in Britain's war production effort.

White-collar workers will be put in overalls and industrial draft regulations will be extended to meet more age groups in the struggle to boost production.—International News Service.

Tanks In Action And Machine-Guns

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

RUMANIAN TROOPS AND 500 REBELLIOUS IRON GUARDISTS FOUGHT A LONG PITCHED BATTLE IN THE HEART OF BUCHAREST LAST NIGHT, AND OTHER CLASHES IN PROVINCIAL CITIES CAUSED HEAVY CASUALTIES, ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED IN BUDAPEST.

Scores were injured and two Iron Guardists killed in the Bucharest fight during which two tanks and machine-guns were brought into action.

Communists are reported to be involved in a series of battles which grew out of the murder of a German soldier by a naturalised Greek on Monday.

Iron Guard sponsors of the wave of demonstrations revolted when General Antonescu, the Premier, sought to remove them by volunteer auxiliary police. Meanwhile tanks and strong

forces of special guards surrounded King Michael's Palace in Bucharest, Government Ministries and the headquarters of the German military mission.

Industrial Plants Occupied

Military police occupied 87 industrial plants in various parts of the city.

Troops finally cleared a police station of Iron Guardists last night after a fierce battle with 500 Iron Guards.

The entire police force was taken over yesterday by the Army, which also occupied the Bucharest general post office.—International News Service.

WEATHER FORECAST:—South and south-east winds, moderate; cloudy generally, occasional rain.

AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN IN DAYLIGHT

There was considerable enemy air activity over the eastern part of England during daylight yesterday but no important attack developed.

It is officially stated that a few bombs fell in the outskirts of London and at points in the Home and Eastern Counties.

Some damage was done to houses but very few casualties are reported.—Reuter.

"BROOKHAM'S" CHIEF OF STAFF

Major-General R. H. Dowding, Chief of the Combined Staff of the different Services under the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, and Wing-Commander Yarde, arrived at Rangoon yesterday, says Reuter.

MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER?

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

AXIS PROPAGANDA MUST BE SERIOUSLY AT A LOSS IF IT HAS TO DESCRIBE THE HITLER - MUSSOLINI MEETING AS THE GREATEST EVENT OF THE YEAR. THE MEETING COULD DO NO MORE THAN REAFFIRM A COMPLETE AGREEMENT OF POLICY.

Their combined strength could not be increased by the meeting nor unity be closer as they have always boasted this was complete.

Axis commentators, however, claim startling events will follow. The Dictators decided not only to defeat Britain but on the means of doing it.

This type of threat is nothing new. Some points about the meeting, however, are more significant.

It occurred on German soil, almost certainly at Berchtesgaden, and the Duce, there is little doubt, went because he was summoned.

He needs all possible help but cannot have asked the role of suppliant.

Doubtless future plans were discussed but they are German and not Italian plans.

Linked With Vichy

The plans are linked with the negotiations that have been pro-

ceeding at Vichy, and Hitler has probably been liberal with the Duce's aspirations against France.

It is suggested the Germans insisted on unity of command. This is more likely to be the real issue at a later date, when the Germans have decided where the big gamble is to be made.

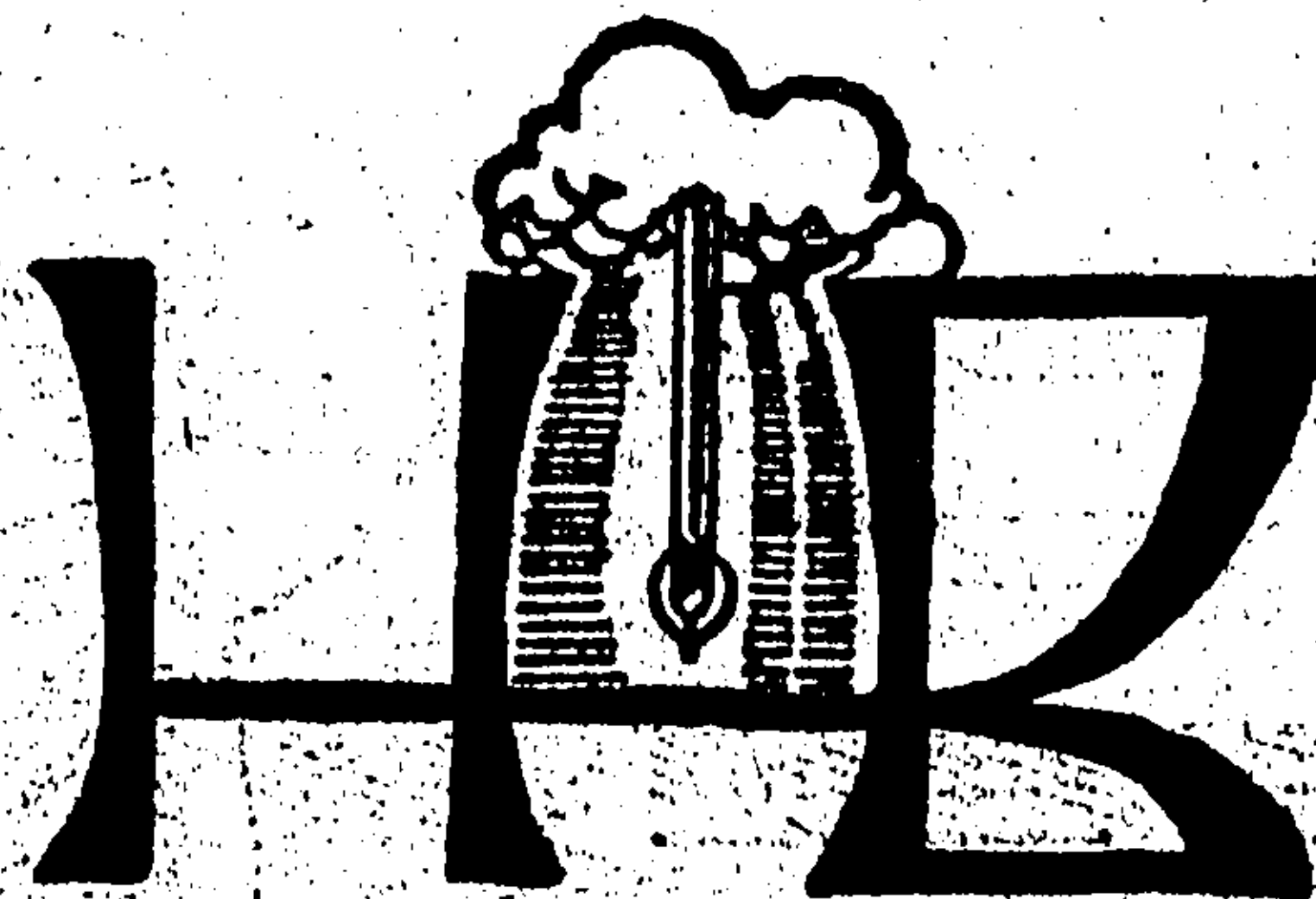
Their intentions are still very secret and preparations may equally aim at an invasion of Britain or of an advance in the Balkans.

Pretence Of Neutrality

It is significant that the German air force has not yet been employed, at least directly, against Greece, thus maintaining a pretence of neutrality.

Undoubtedly Hitler the gambler favours an attack on Britain as the surest way to victory, if successful, but he obviously is having qualms in view of the risks.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

BUCHAREST DISTURBANCES

Greeks Arrested After German Officer's Death

Incidents All Over Rumania

SOME MINISTRIES in Bucharest are guarded by police and the wireless station is protected by a military guard, according to Bucharest newspapers quoted in Rome yesterday.

These newspapers published accounts of demonstrations staged by certain members of the Iron Guards on Monday evening but emphasise that these were orderly and insist that order prevails in Bucharest.

A communique has been issued in Bucharest dealing with the murder of Major Doehring, of the German military mission.

Doehring was attacked outside the headquarters of the mission by a man who is said to have fired shots.

A decree published by the Rumanian Official Journal says the death sentence will be applied in the case of murder of German soldiers in Rumania.

Ten prominent members of the Greek colony in Bucharest have been arrested in connection with the murder of Doehring, according to a Bucharest despatch to the German news agency.

Major Disorders

According to a Budapest telegram received in New York the major disorders, which may require energetic measures by Germany, raging all over Rumania were of pro-German origin following the assassination of Doehring.

An attempt on the life of Colonel Creschani, described as Director-General of the Rumanian railways, was made in Bucharest yesterday, according to the official German news agency.

The assailants entered the colonel's office and fired several shots, wounding him, but further details of the crime are not yet available.

Meanwhile a spokesman at the Rumanian Legation in Belgrade yesterday stated it was untrue there had been any attempted coup d'etat in Bucharest on Monday.

He said that "certain demonstrations" had occurred but order was quickly restored.

No telephone calls to or from Bucharest were accepted yesterday.

German Troops Moved

According to a telegram from Sofia disorders in Rumania are widespread, with street fighting between civilians, German soldiers and Communists in Bucharest and elsewhere reported.

Increasing resentment in many quarters over the German military concentrations in Rumania and the anti-Anonescu regime, may flare into a real general fight, with the Nazis trying to restore order.

Other reports are that the disorders may be part of a coup intended by Leftists, followers of King Carol and others trying to overpower the Germans and the pro-German Iron Guard.

German troops removed from Giurgiu are reported to have been rushed to Bucharest and elsewhere. — Reuter.

COMMONS STILL NOT SATISFIED

The debate in the Commons following Mr. Bevin's speech yesterday revealed the current opinion that everything possible was still not being done to expedite the war effort and that there should be a greater measure of compulsion on all parties to contribute a larger measure of labour.

This is the principle which Mr. Bevin has been opposing as unnecessary.

There is a difference of opinion inside the Labour movement on the issue, as shown by the speech of the former Labour Minister, Mr. Ernest Shinwell.

Mr. Shinwell declared: "We need not be afraid of drastic even revolutionary methods in this country" and contended that hope that the last change in the Government would preface a new and unified policy of comprehensive planning and complete co-ordination of the national effort had not materialised. — Reuter.

MESSAGE TO MALTA

"We are sure that success as well as glory will reward your efforts," says a message sent yesterday by Mr. Churchill to the Officer Administering the Government at Malta.

"I send you, on behalf of the War Cabinet, our heart-felt congratulations on the magnificent and ever-memorable defence which your heroic garrison and citizens, aided by the Navy and, above all, the Royal Air Force, are making against the German and Italian attack," says Mr. Churchill in his message.

"The eyes of Britain and, indeed, of the whole British Empire are watching Malta in her struggle day by day, and we are sure that success as well as glory will reward your efforts."

BRITAIN AND PEOPLE OF ITALY

In the Commons yesterday, a member, Sir Stanley Reed, suggested that the Prime Minister consider definitely advising the Italian people of the British Commonwealth's being under no misapprehension about the purpose for which they were being called to fight.

Mr. Churchill recalled his recent broadcast and said he did not propose to add anything to it at the moment. — Reuter

DULLNESS OF STOCK EXCHANGE

Lack of enterprise was responsible for general dullness on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Industrials met with profit-taking but setbacks were mostly small. Rails also encountered offerings and oils and Kaffirs shared the downward trend. Foreign issues eased but Czech-

NO WAR MATERIAL FOR JAPAN

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, APOLOGISING FOR THE DELAY IN ANSWERING THE LETTER OF MR. ALFRED EDWARDS, M.P., REGARDING THE WORKERS IN THE MUNITIONS FACTORY IN MIDDLEBOROUGH WHO THREATENED TO STRIKE IF THE PRODUCTS THEY MANUFACTURED SHOULD BE DESTINED FOR JAPAN, STATED THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT CONCERNED.

"The order to which the report in the 'Sunday Express' referred," he added, "was for gear which have now been completed and are under the control of the Customs. You will be glad to know that steps are being taken to ensure they will not be exported."

It is further reported that Mr. Edwards is going to ask the Prime Minister in Parliament to give an assurance that no munitions of any kind will go to Japan. — Central News.

WAR FUND SALE OF MEMENTOES

A New York dispatch states that certain personal property of the late Mr. Neville Chamberlain, was sold by auction in Birmingham, the proceeds being intended for a war fund. — International News Service.

Slovakian 8 per cents. rose from 30 to 32. Gift-edged occasionally hardened. Wall Street was irregular. — Reuter.

TOBRUK HEAVILY ATTACKED BY THE R.A.F.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the announcement that British forces had launched an attack on Tobruk it was announced in Cairo yesterday that the Italian seaport was heavily raided by bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. during the night on Sunday/Monday.

Several attacks, states a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East, were made and direct hits registered on marine repair ships and military barracks.

One artillery battery of four guns was silenced and many bombs fell on a camp of about 200 tents.

Anti-aircraft fire was intense but the British aircraft pressed home the attack.

British fighter patrols were active throughout Monday but no conclusive engagement with the enemy resulted.

A further raid was carried out on the aerodrome at Catania (Sicily) during the night of Monday/Tuesday.

Seven enemy aircraft on the ground, of which two were large twin-engined bombers, were seen to burst into flames.

Fires were started near administrative buildings and were visible over 80 miles away.

On the previous night the railway station at Brindisi was bombed but the results could not be fully observed owing to low cloud. It is believed, however, that considerable damage was done.

Valona Raid

In Albania, Valona was subjected to the heaviest bombing attack hitherto carried out in that region.

A heavy raid was made during the night of Sunday/Monday followed by further raids during the day.

A large explosion occurred in the target area and a number of fires were caused.

High explosive bombs fell on buildings and the foreshore, causing considerable damage.

Raids in Africa

The R.A.F. raided Assab and registered direct hits on a supply depot.

The South African Air Force successfully bombed Neghell (Abyssinia). Administrative buildings and a surrounding motor transport park were set on fire and completely gutted and a number of vehicles in the car park were destroyed or damaged.

From all operations mentioned in the communique our aircraft returned successfully.

The communique adds that the British fighter reported as not returned to base in a communique of January 10 is now reported safe. — Reuter.

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Mr. Joseph Kennedy Gives Views On Aid Britain Bill

HIGH TRIBUTE TO MORALE IN ENGLAND

A STATEMENT that Britain's leadership was divided on the question of the advisability of the United States becoming an active participant in the war, was made by the former Ambassador to London, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, testifying before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday on President Roosevelt's Bill for helping the Democracies.

Replying to questions Mr. Kennedy said some members of the British Government felt that if the United States entered the war it would "find a way to carry it through." Others believed that entry of the United States would be to the detriment of Britain's war effort, because it would slow down the flow of material aid from America.

"There is no unanimity on the question," declared Mr. Kennedy, who added that many people in the British Government felt they were not yet getting all the aid they might normally expect from the United States.

Asked whether he expected a crisis to develop in the next 60 or 70 days, Mr. Kennedy said he did not know exactly what that meant and there were many things in the military situation he did not understand.

For example he never understood why the German army permitted a British army of 300,000 to escape from Dunkirk.

If the German air force was as strong as they claimed, Mr. Kennedy thought they should have had a perfect chance to annihilate the British force.

Did Not Understand

He did not understand why the Germans had not wrought greater destruction in Britain's industrial centres.

Mr. Kennedy continued: "If they have the strength to capture the air superiority a crisis might come any day. So far they have not indicated that they have that strength."

Asked whether he knew the British war aims Mr. Kennedy replied he certainly did not.

A questioner then asked whether Mr. Kennedy thought something should be done to let the United States know the nature of these aims before further aid for Britain was proceeded with.

Mr. Kennedy said he did not understand the question and suggested it was one for the State Department.

British Socialism

Asked whether it was fair to the British people "for us to intimate" that the United States would aid in a possible Continental invasion, Mr. Kennedy replied: "I don't believe we have ever done that officially."

Representative Fish asked: "Is there any truth in reports that Britain is going Socialist?"

Mr. Kennedy said the Labour and Socialist countries were becoming more important. He added nobody had a right to assume that conditions would ever go back to what they were.

Paying a tribute to British morale, Mr. Kennedy said: "I can't imagine anything better. There is a great deal less turmoil there among the people than I have met in the United States. It is just a question of plain guts."—Reuter.

Food Parcels Delayed

The difficulty of getting food parcels by tortuous routes to sorely pressed British war prisoners in Germany was again raised in the House of Commons yesterday.

It was officially disclosed that over 250,000 parcels were despatched by the General Post Office during the past month and that during December 100,000 parcels and over 100 tons of food left Geneva for camps in Germany.

The War Secretary, Captain Margesson, said the special commissioner who had gone to Lisbon to investigate delays in the transmission of parcels had ascertained that parcels were seriously delayed in transmission across the Iberian Peninsula and France.

Ships had been chartered to convey parcels by sea direct to Marseilles or other convenient ports. Parcels had also been sent by a new overland route through Portugal, Spain and occupied France direct to camps in Germany, and if this route was successful it would be developed.—Reuter.

NO MARGIN TO SPARE IN COMING MONTHS

"IN THESE COMING months we shall need all our strength and courage and all the help that free people can give us. There is no margin to spare. Yet our faith in final victory is unshaken and we know we must win through."

So declared the new Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, speaking at the opening in London of the Czechoslovak Institute established by the British Council as a national centre for Czechoslovaks in Britain, now numbering some 15,000.

MIDLAND BANK BOMB HAVOC

Not a single safe or strong-room has been destroyed of the Midland Bank, one of the largest banks in Britain, with branches throughout the country.

This was disclosed by the Chairman, Mr. Reginald McKenna, in the annual statement circulated to shareholders yesterday in place of the usual speech, "in view of the possibility of the meeting being interrupted by an alert."

Nine branches of the Bank, Mr. McKenna said, have been completely wrecked and eight others severely damaged, but repair work will enable the staff to return to them shortly.—Reuter.

The King, in a message to President Benes at the opening, wrote: "The Institute will form a happy link between our two peoples in the pursuit of those ideals of liberty and justice to which both are so wholeheartedly attached."

Mr. Eden also declared it would not be long before the tyrant in whose clutches Czechoslovakia was held was utterly overthrown.

The Czechs were now fighting side by side with the forces of Britain, Poland and other Allies with the fire and determination of men who would not endure bondage.

From time to time he was greatly moved and encouraged by news of some noble act of opposition by those gallant Czechs who had now to suffer the rule of Hitler's Gestapo.

Anglo-Czech Friendship

Dr. Benes, in reply, expressed the Czech determination to "increase and deepen Anglo-Czech friendship 'once the world is rid of Hitler's vulgar gangsterism.'"

Referring to Mr. Eden's allusion to the struggle of Czechs at home against Nazi oppression Dr. Benes said: "They deserve your praise and will not tell you."—Reuter.

DELHI CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS

Valuable and far-reaching recommendations by the Delhi Conference are being dealt with in consultation between the British Government and other Governments concerned, declared Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, in reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Amery added he was not yet in a position to make a detailed statement.—Reuter.

INDIA WAR SUPPLY ORDERS

IN NOVEMBER WAR SUPPLY ORDERS TOTALLING 15 MILLION RUPEES WERE PLACED IN BOMBAY PROVINCE AND A VAST MUNITION PROGRAMME IS WELL UNDER WAY, WITH 4.5 INCH GUNS BEING PRODUCED. HAND-GRENADES HAVE REACHED FULL EXPANSION AS HAVE

ECONOMIC PACT WITH CAMEROONS

An economic agreement relating to the French Cameroons has been concluded between the British Government and General de Gaulle's Council of Defence.

The British Government undertakes to purchase the total output of cocoa, palm kernels, palm oil, groundnuts and beniseed from the French Cameroons, as well as nearly the whole production of coffee and a large proportion of the production of bananas.

On these commodities and timber (regarding which a separate agreement is foreshadowed) the French Cameroons depend.

While ensuring the livelihood of the population the agreement gives Britain useful commodities it can absorb.

The agreement fixed the rate of exchange for the French Cameroons at 176.625 francs to the Pound, and the agreement is retrospective, covering the second year of the war.

A similar agreement relating to French Equatorial Africa is almost ready for signature.—Reuter.

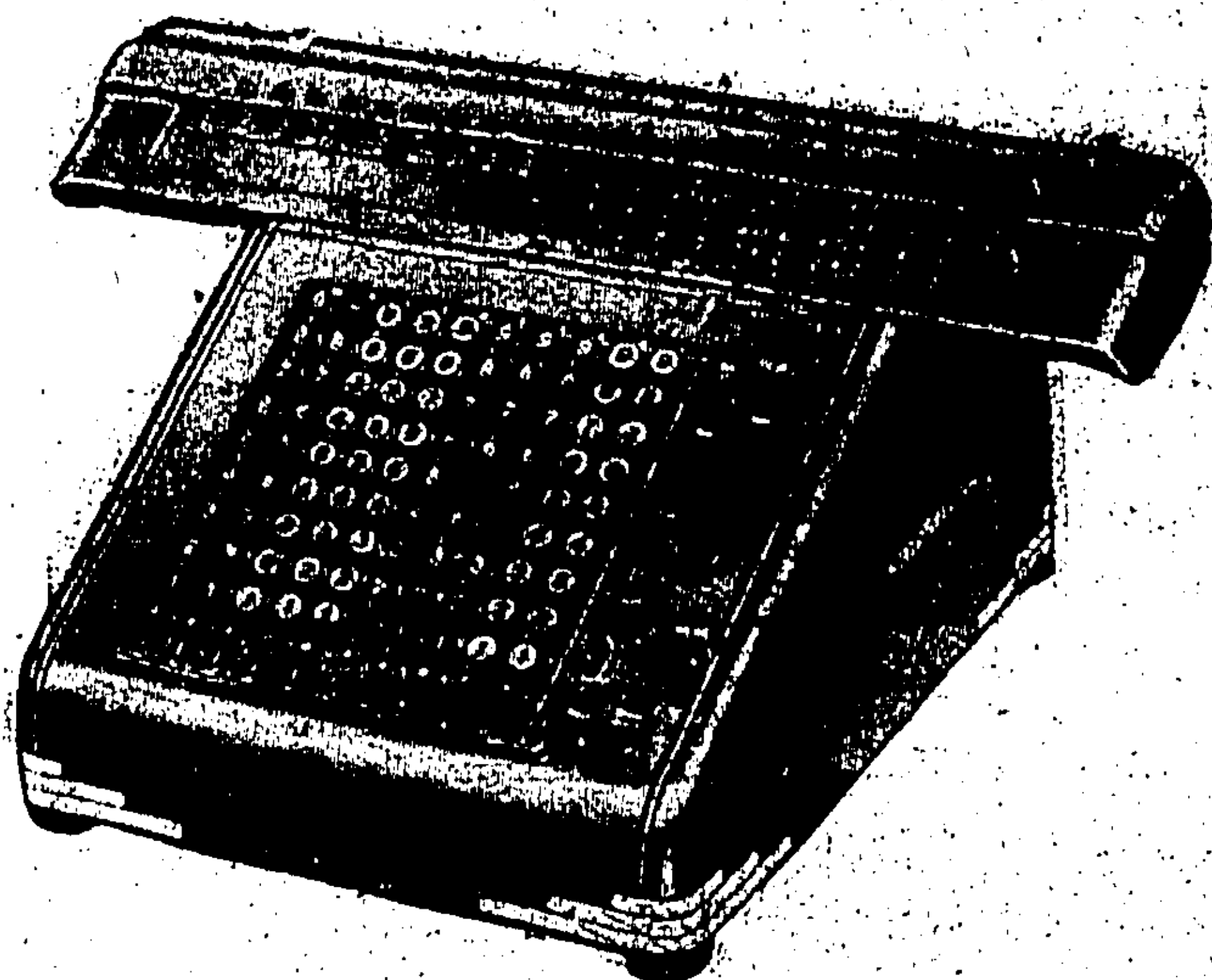
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An experimental order for land mines was also carried out.

The tempo of the all-India effort is similarly exemplified by the running of a special train every two days to deliver motor chassis to the builders.—Reuter.

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IMPERIAL TROOPS PRESSING DEEP INTO ERITREA

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at British General Headquarters, Cairo)
THE IMPERIAL TROOPS, pushing deeper into Italy's East African colony of Eritrea, were reported yesterday to have reached a point some 30 miles east of Kassala, the frontier post evacuated by the Italians on Sunday. The retreating Italians, whose strength is now revealed to be no less than two divisions, are being hard pressed by British light armoured units and motorised infantry.

VALONA HEAVILY BOMBED

Valona was subjected to its heaviest aerial bombing attacks of the war on the night of Sunday, says an R.A.F. communique issued in Athens.

R.A.F. heavy bombers raided the dockyard and large explosions occurred in the target area, while smaller fires were also caused, but the weather was too bad for the full results to be observed.

Brindisi railway station was also attacked but the results could not be observed owing to low cloud.

In a daylight raid on Valona a number of high explosive bombs fell on buildings south of the jetty and on the foreshore and must have caused considerable damage.

Enemy fighters attacked, but were evaded after a 15-minute engagement.

On the return journey our formation attacked and damaged an enemy float plane. All our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE

JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE CONTINUED TO GROW IN 1940 DESPITE THE EUROPEAN WAR, AND THE VOLUME OF COMMERCE WITH NATIONS OUTSIDE THE YEN BLOC WAS ALMOST AS LARGE AS IN 1939.

Mr. Kawada, Minister of Finance, told this to the House of Representatives yesterday when he introduced the record-breaking 6 883,000,000 yen ordinary Budget.

Exports were 3,972,000,000 yen, increasing by one per cent, while imports totalled 3,709,000,000 yen, gaining 19 per cent. The favourable trade balance thus was 263,000,000 yen. — Reuter.

DRIVER'S ERROR

"IF YOU HAD ASKED MR. MOSS, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE WOOD," SAID MR. E. HIMSWORTH TO TONG TAT, MOTOR-DRIVER EMPLOYED AT THE KAI TAK AERODROME, WHO WAS CHARGED THIS MORNING WITH THE THEFT OF 30 LOGS OF WOOD.

He was bound over to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

Accused was about to drive out of the Aerodrome yesterday when he was stopped by a watchman and requested to produce a permit for taking out the wood which was on the lorry.

Accused went to the office and asked for a permit to take out six pieces of wood. With this permit he, it was alleged, took the 30 logs.

The pursuit continues day and night across hilly and difficult country.

Every effort is being made to maintain contact, and occasionally British Bren-gun carriers are able to send a burst into the Italian 'tail'.

The Italians apparently are withdrawing as fast as they can, having covered 20 miles on the first day.

Indian, Sudanese and British troops are taking part in the pursuit it is learned.

Direction Of Retreat

Before their withdrawal the Italians were strung along a 100-mile front from Omager, where the frontiers of Sudan, Eritrea and Abyssinia converge, to a point 20 miles north-east of Kassala.

Direction of the retreat is towards Agordat, nearly 100 miles from the frontier.

Agordat is the terminus of Eritrea's only railway and the main point of communication for the frontier region with the important Red Sea port of Massawa. — Reuter.

RICE IMPORTS INTO BRITAIN

From February 1, the Ministry of Food will be the sole purchaser of rice for importation into Britain, it was announced in London yesterday, according to Reuter.

AMERICAN EXECUTIVE ORDERS

President Roosevelt, at his press conference yesterday, said he "supposed" that fifty executive orders of all kinds had been drawn up "to meet contingencies."

He added that perhaps one of them provides for the freezing of the United States assets of all European countries.

The orders had been drafted as a precautionary measure, so as to be ready in case they were needed suddenly.

President Roosevelt described talking of giving the American Navy to Britain and conveying ships across the Atlantic as "cow-jump-over-the-moon stuff." — Reuter.

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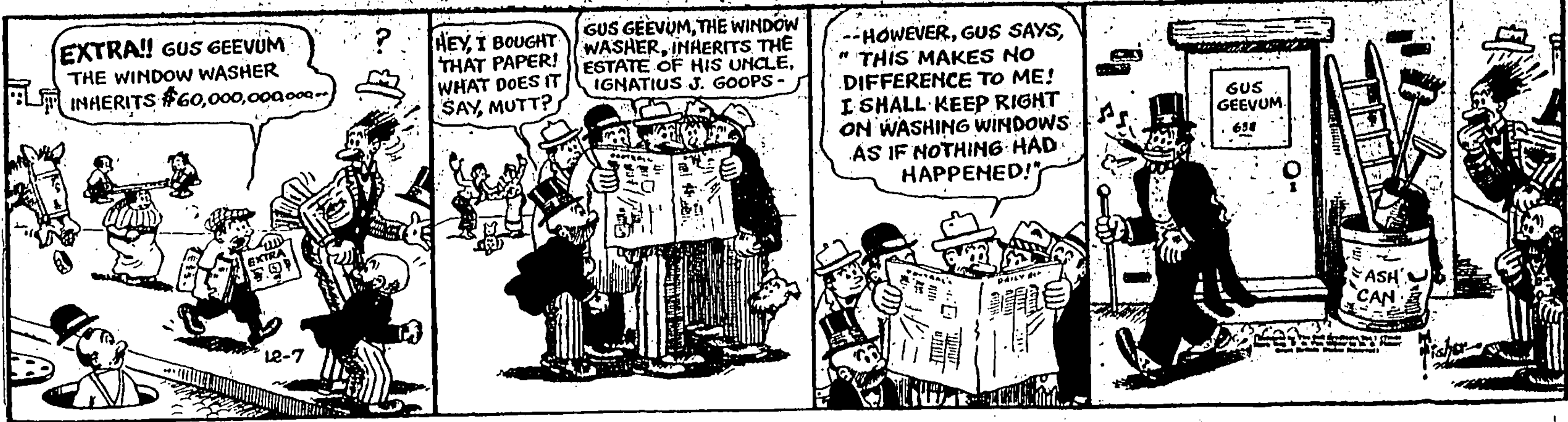
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Night Raids On Malta

Following their costly air raids at the week-end the enemy on Monday night carried out two indiscriminate attacks on Malta.

Official description of the attacks says the target seems to have been one of the British aerodromes but the actual result may be described as indiscriminate bombing, as the enemy flew at a great height in order to escape gunfire and detection by searchlights.

No bombs hit or damaged Government property. Several bombs damaged civilian property and a number of others fell into the sea.

There was one serious casualty who failed to take over. — Reuter

ITALIAN WOMEN IN ABYSSINIA

The British Government has made no arrangements in collaboration with the Italian Government for the evacuation of women and children from Abyssinia, Eritrea and Somaliland, Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Any suggestion to this effect, he said, should surely come from the Italians or from those commanders on the spot.

In any case, it is not possible to interrupt the operations which are now in progress.

Mr. Churchill was also asked to make a statement about war and peace aims.

Most right-minded people in Britain and abroad, especially in the United States, fully understand the cause and principles for which we are waging war against the Nazis, he replied.

The Government always kept a lookout for any opportunity of making a statement helpful to victory and the liberation of those nations now under the German yoke, but he was not able to add anything helpful at present to what has already been said.

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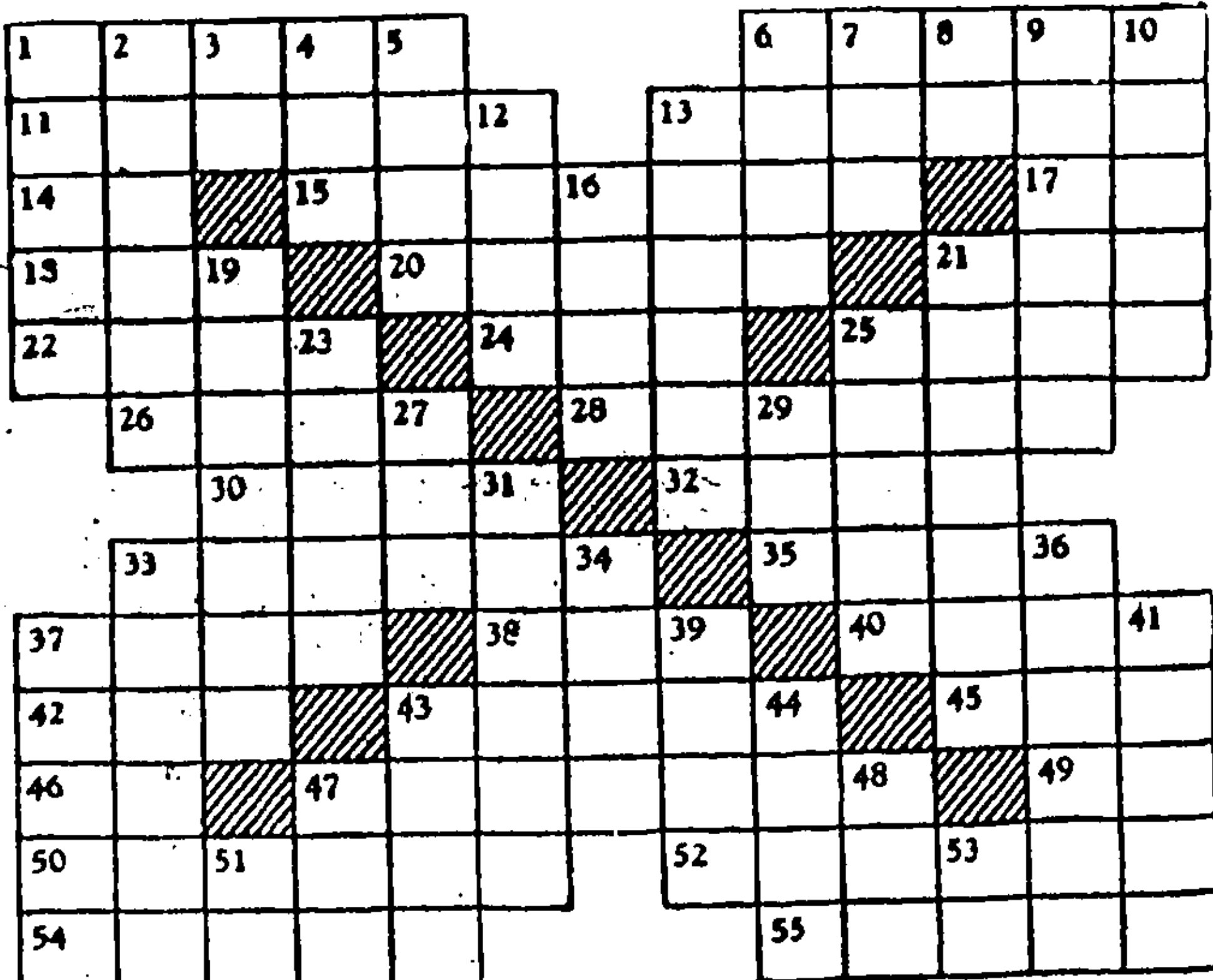
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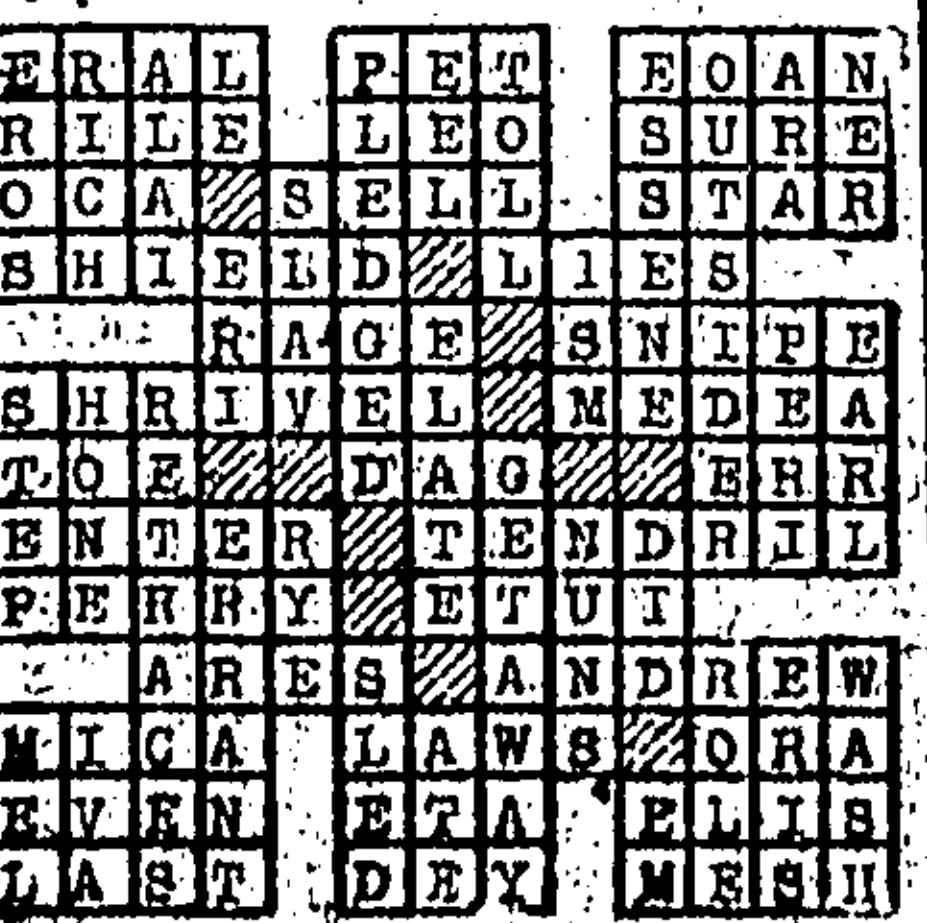
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- 11 Electrically charged particle
- 13 Astute
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- 15 Beltrayer
- 17 European fish
- 18 Corded cloth
- 20 Saltpeter
- 21 Stove
- 22 heroine
- 24 Salts
- 24 Bulgarian coin
- 25 Birds
- 26 Network
- 28 Austrian botanist
- 30 Tree-snake
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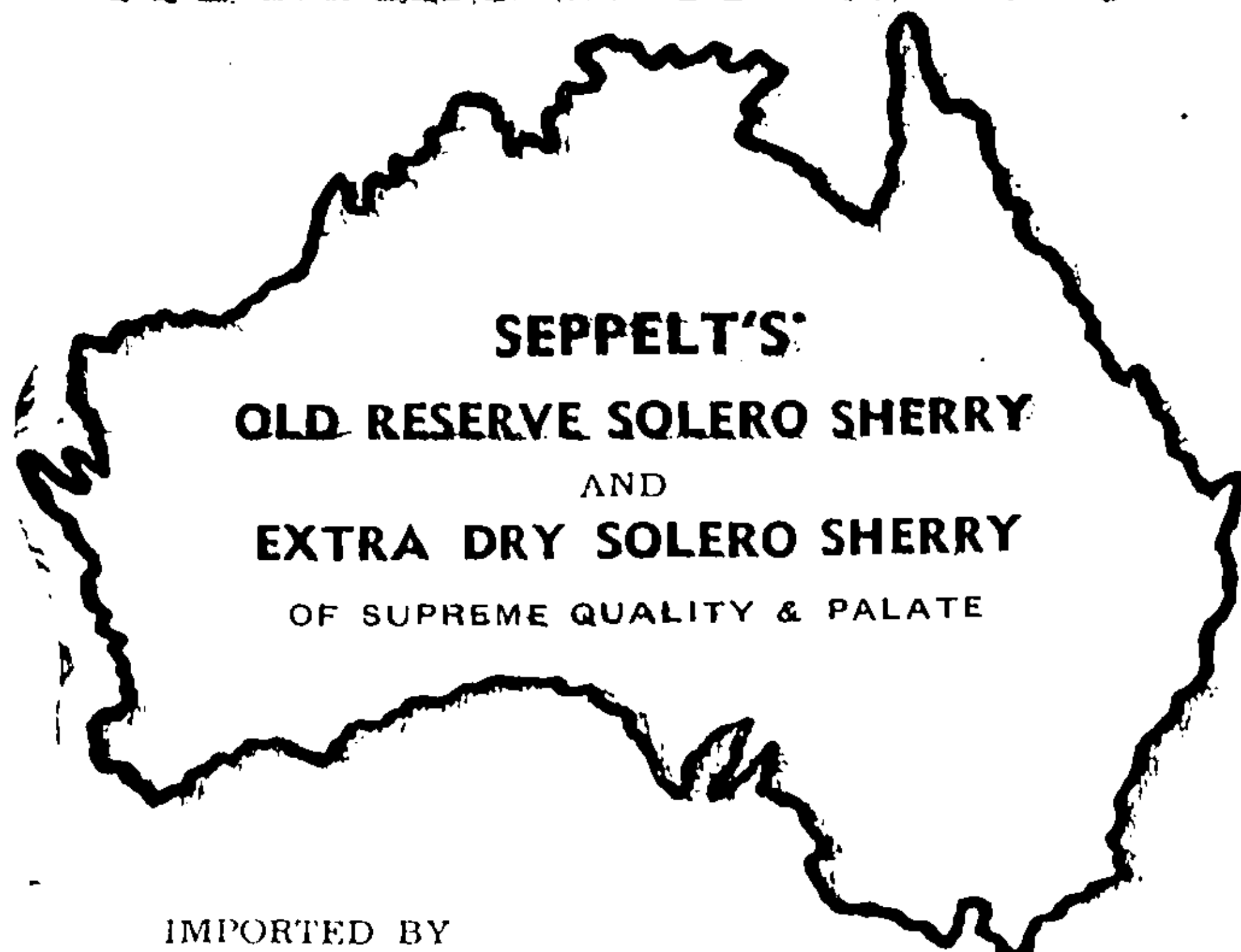
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- 3 Behold!
- 4 Siamese coin
- 5 The thorn-back-ray
- 6 Norse deity
- 7 To be mistaken
- 8 Concerning
- 9 To turn on a pivot
- 10 Icelandic literary works
- 12 To fasten
- 13 Man's name
- 16 Entry
- 19 Bishop
- 21 Nightfall
- 23 Took illegally
- 25 To worship
- 27 Silkworm
- 29 To yield
- 31 Coolness
- 33 Written official agreement
- 34 Lock
- 36 German poet
- 37 Besmeared
- 39 To stagger
- 41 Facing the direction whence a glacier moves
- 43 Domelle
- 44 Cry of sorrow
- 47 To sever
- 48 Heavenly body
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Munsang College Appeal Dismissed

THE APPEAL IN THE Munsang College case was dismissed by the Full Court of Appeal this morning, in judgments by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser.

In the course of his judgment, Mr. Justice Williams said:—

This is an appeal from an order of His Honour the Chief Justice dated 6th June made in Chambers on the hearing of an originating summons that Mr. Rufus Huang, 1st appellant, should cease to be a trustee of Mun Sang College and member of the College Council. The principal protagonists in the dispute are Mr. Huang, headmaster of the college, on the one part and Dr. Ts'o Chairman of the Council, and Mr. Lam, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, on the other part.

Reference can only be made briefly to the main events in this deplorable dispute which must have done incalculable harm to the college and which culminated in an application to the court by the appellants on 12th April for the removal of the respondents from their positions on the Council.

Mun Sang College was founded through the generosity of the late Mr. Au Chak Man and Mr. Mok Kon Sang, father of 3rd respondent and the initiative of Dr. Ts'o. These three gentlemen were interested in a company which reclaimed land at Kai Tack and erected dwelling houses thereon and were concerned as to the provision of educational facilities for the residents. The former two donated \$10,000 each and in February, 1926, the school was opened at Kai Tack in rented premises, being called Mun Sang, after the names of the donors. Mr. Huang was engaged as principal and a Council was formed in April to govern the school. Dr. Ts'o became Chairman and Mr. Huang a member. Mr. Lam was a member since 1930 and in 1932 he was elected to serve on a financial sub-committee. 3rd respondent became a member in 1934, 2nd appellant in 1937 and 3rd appellant in 1938.

Financial Loss

During the next five years the school was run at a financial loss; the \$20,000 was exhausted and the deficit in 1930 was \$6,000. The council then obtained an annual Government grant of \$6,000 the success of the application being due in no small measure to the efforts of Dr. Ts'o. Until December, 1932, the Council apparently functioned as the governing body though financial matters, since 1929, were in the hands of Mr. Huang, in whom the Council then had complete confidence. Thereafter until 1939, the Council held no regular meetings, probably due to the fact that the Government grant had relieved financial anxiety; during that period Mr. Huang was, for all practical purposes, the Council though he continually consulted Dr. Ts'o and other members from whom he obtained valuable advice. He worked with great zeal and devotion and obtained most satisfactory results. High tribute was paid to his work in 1938 by Bishop Hall. In 1932 there were 260 pupils and 18 teachers; in 1938 there were 600 pupils and 28 teachers. In spite of the grant the school continued to be run at a loss which was made good by donations and loans collected by Mr. Huang. Since 1927 the members of the Council were kept aware of the financial condition by means of audited annual statements of receipts and payments. At times the school had to be closed in order to avoid financial loss.

At an early stage Mr. Huang considered that it would be of great benefit if the school possessed a building on its own site instead of renting premises. He discussed the matter with Dr. Ts'o who approved, provided the money could be raised. By 1934 Mr. Huang had raised \$13,000 and in June, 1937, he purchased the main part of the present school site in Gramplan Road, the land being registered in his own name. The remainder of the site was purchased in January, 1939, the total cost being \$19,000. Negotiations were carried on by Mr. Huang with the Government for conversion of the land from agricultural to building land. These negotiations lasted a considerable time and were completed in January, 1938.

Council Meetings

The site being now ready for the building of a new Middle

School and the raising of money for its erection being essential, Mr. Huang called together some members of the Council and friends of the school and discussed matters with them. It was decided that the regular meetings of the Council which had been in abeyance since 1932 should be revived. The first meeting was held in January, 1939. The Council at this period consisted of the appellants, respondents and one or two others. No minutes of the meeting exist. The building project was discussed. A written constitution of the Council, drafted by Mr. Huang, was adopted (and a financial committee under Mr. Lam, Treasurer, was appointed to look into the economic condition of the school). Mr. Lam was a director of the Ka Wah Bank and I presume it was for this reason he was selected as treasurer.

It is noteworthy that among the powers vested in the Council was power to raise and deal with the donation fund, properties and expenditure of the college and power to take charge of the moneys and property of the College. The estimated cost of the building was \$30,000 and it was known that a building grant of \$15,000 would be obtained from Government on completion. It is obvious that this venture could not be lightly undertaken without a thorough examination of the school's finances. Dr. Ts'o later discussed the matter with Mr. Lam, and requested Mr. Huang to hand over cheque books, pass books etc. to the treasurer in order that he might explore the economic position.

First Complaints

The next meeting which was held on 16th May is of considerable importance for we here find for the first time complaints against Mr. Huang's method of keeping accounts. On the Agenda of the meeting were numerous items dealing with finance. The school bursar had recently embezzled a sum believed to have been about \$4,000 and a report was called for from Mr. Huang to be made at the meeting. Mr. Lam was to report on the financial condition of the school after investigation. The minutes of the meeting are clearly not full because no mention is made of any criticisms of the accounts. It is admitted there was criticism. The minutes record that the audited statements of the school's first eleven years was passed and that Mr. Huang's report on the bursar's embezzlement was accepted. Dr. Ts'o's view of the accounts produced was that they were a mere statement of receipts and payments and did not disclose the financial situation, not being in the form of a balance sheet, showing assets and liabilities. They are in fact a record of annual receipts and payments. There was no profit and loss account and no balance sheet. Mr. Huang says Dr. Ts'o told him the accounts were in a muddle. The Council authorised Mr. Lam to engage someone as school bursar or accountant, and to take all steps to recover the amount embezzled; it also authorised the financial sub-committee under Mr. Lam to look into the economic condition of the school. It was decided that Mr. Huang should make up as soon as possible the accounts for 1938 up to date, including school fees, and donations for Mr. Lam.

He was to supply him with details of the salaries payable, and of the usual charges incurred in running a school. In addition he was to hand over the cheque book and bank pass book. Thereafter all cheques were to be signed by two of the three, Mr. Huang, Dr. Ts'o and Mr. Lam (hitherto Mr. Huang alone had signed). It is obvious that the Council which had been in abeyance since 1932 was not conversant with the school's condition and was quite rightly desirous of finding out the exact situation. In these and, in fact, at all meetings the greatest stress is laid on the importance of sound finance. All members including Mr. Huang agreed to the resolutions embodying these instructions. At the same meeting Mr. Lam suggested that the school building should be commenced as early as possible so as to be ready by September and the promised to help by lending \$10,000 towards a building fund. As there was now the promise

of \$30,000 (the Macao Loan and Mr. Lam's \$10,000), and the knowledge that Government would grant \$15,000 on completion, the Council approved the building plans and authorised Mr. Huang and Mr. Lam to sign the building contract for \$30,000.

No criticism of Mr. Huang appears in the minutes but at the end of the meeting Mr. Lam told Dr. Ts'o that Mr. Huang had failed to render the proper statement of accounts or hand over the cheque book, etc. Dr. Ts'o in turn requested Mr. Huang to obey the Council's instructions. On the 24th June Mr. Huang at the request of Dr. Ts'o executed a declaration of trust of the land in favour of the school — by it he agreed to assign the property to such persons as the Council should appoint whenever called on by the Council to do so. Sometime during the month Mr. Lam appointed a Mr. Lo as school bursar, though Mr. Huang considered one was not necessary at that time.

Contract Incident

On the 28th June the building contract was ready for signing. Mr. Huang, Mr. Lam, the Architect and the contractor met. Mr. Huang signed but Mr. Lam refused to because the contractor was new to Hong Kong and had failed to furnish a satisfactory surety. The contract did not call for a surety. I am not quite satisfied with this explanation. It does not appear that he requested Mr. Huang not to sign. If he were not satisfied he should have so requested and had the matter brought before the Council. The result was to make Mr. Huang liable to the contractor. Counsel for appellants claim that if Mr. Lam had also signed then there never would have been any trouble. I do not, however, agree.

Building was commenced on the 1st July and went ahead rapidly. The time for completion was 3 months. It was important that it should ready as early as possible as the owner of the Middle School wanted the return of that building. At the end of July a Mr. Liang called on Dr. Ts'o and gave a cheque for \$10,000 (part of the Macao loan). Dr. Ts'o refused the offer telling him there were domestic reasons for not accepting at the time. He hoped the offer would later be renewed. Dr. Ts'o did not consult the Council about the loan. There was nothing, however, to prevent him accepting the money and putting it in a special account. His reasons for refusing were that he was uneasy about the question of the school accounts. At the same time Mr. Lam who had not put up his loan tendered his resignation — later withdrawn — from the Council on the grounds that Mr. Huang had not handed over the College accounts to him as directed by the Council at the May Meeting. Dr. Ts'o in turn passed the latter to Mr. Huang and requested an explanation. About the same time Mr. Huang wrote to the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank requesting a loan of \$20,000. He must then have heard of the refusal of the Macao loan. He arranged to call at the Bank on the 29th July to discuss the loan.

No Direct Reply

On the 31st July he replied to Dr. Ts'o's letter regarding Mr. Lam's resignation to the effect that the account for the past ten years had been passed by Council. He did not understand Mr. Lam's grievances. He gave certain details of current expenses. He stated that he had invited Mr. Lam several times to come and examine the school books, which were always open for inspection. At Mr. Lam's insistence he had taken on the bursar Mr. Lo, though there was little work for him as it was the end of term. As Mr. Lo did not know much English and the accounts were so kept Mr. Huang had not been able to let him take full charge of the accounts. Dr. Ts'o did not send a direct reply to that letter. Instead he made a statement at a Council meeting on the 3rd August. In my view Dr. Ts'o in addition to the statement should have sent a detailed reply to Mr. Huang answering all the points raised. Counsel for appellants claims that the letter of 31st July has never been answered. Is this correct? Dr. Ts'o's statement to the Council was in brief that a finance Committee under Mr. Lam had been appointed early in the year and thus Mr. Huang was to be relieved of all responsibility for the school accounts. (Continued on Page 11)

CHINA MAIL
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THE HALIFAX APPOINTMENT

The American people have extended a cordial welcome to Lord Halifax as British Ambassador. They respect his ability, integrity and deeply religious sincerity, and they do not fail to recognise the great importance which Britain attaches to the Washington post, as implied by the appointment of the Foreign Minister to fill it. Considering the type of representation in London with which Mr. Roosevelt was for so long content, this is indeed a distinguished return. It has not, perhaps, made that intimate appeal to American opinion which might have been made by the appointment of some less conservative figure, some one less deeply identified with the "appeasement" of the Chamberlain era, of a wider popular appeal and less typical of the old tradition of British aristocratic officialism. But it is not easy to point to such a figure; while Mr. Churchill's problem in making the appointment was a complex one. If its real importance is to be found quite as much in its effect upon British policy at home as in its effect on American opinion, that was something for Mr. Churchill to decide.

Not the least valuable of the Prime Minister's qualities is his skill in so managing personal and party divisions within Britain as to keep a wholly united country behind him while at the same time freeing his administration for its great tasks. By appointing Lord Halifax to Washington he has not only removed another "Guilty Man" from his own government, and done so without invidious implications, but has been able to bring Mr. Eden back to the Foreign Office. This is a powerful move in the moral offensive upon the Mussolini regime; even more important, perhaps, it will tend to reopen real communications with the Russians. It has brought to the Foreign Office something of the boldness and imagination which it has lacked and won for it a confidence abroad, which under Lord Halifax it could never quite command.

And to say that Lord Halifax was not the ideal choice for the Embassy is by no means to say that he will not prove to be a very good one. He has one essential qualification which another man might have lacked; he can speak with unquestioned authority in Whitehall.

London, Nov. 13—Lord Chadbourne, Britain's Dominions Secretary, said to-night that the post-war world must be based on a peace system having its own police force. This first more or less specific statement, by a member of the British Government as to what should be the shape of things to come, was made by the Viscount in a speech to Oxford University conservatives.

"The nations in the organisation," he declared, "must agree to some limitation of their sovereignty. This is an essential of the continuation of peace."

The Viscount explained that he did not mean an international force "in generally accepted terms," adding: "I mean a force contributed by the nations who subscribe to the principles which inspired the organisation to which they belong. This police force must have adequate machinery for removal of the causes of war."

Looking back over the last 20 years, we can now discern the causes which have hurled Europe once more into the cauldron of war. The conflagration may even spread until it has enveloped the whole world. Yet when the armistice was signed in 1918, there were few of us who did not believe that for at least a century there would not be another great war. The vast majority of people in every country were war weary; the masses hailed President Wilson as their deliverer, and the League of Nations as the commencement of a new era when war, with its misery and suffering, would be banished from the planet. Even the Germans were led in their protestations of no more war.

As I write in this City of London, bombs are exploding all round, guns are booming and the nightly visitation has begun. So we can't help looking back, especially to those days immediately after the World War, when hopes ran high and when our leaders, led by President Wilson, appeared to be bending their energies to the establishment of a new order which would prevent the outbreak of new conflagrations, introduce principles of justice and law into the relationships of states, and make the world safe for democracy.

It is easy to recognise the mistakes which have landed us in a new Armageddon. There were two cardinal errors. The first that although President Wilson had declared that "if the moral force of the world will not suffice, the physical force of the world shall," the League was constituted without teeth. Article 16 of the Covenant provided for sanctions against the aggressor, but no attempt was made to organise what Wilson described as "the major force of mankind" to prevent the outbreak of war.

The machinery necessary to apply the brake and deter the aggressor by imposing economic, financial, and military sanctions was never developed. No International Police Force was set up which could act with promptness and vigor, should the necessity ever arise.

National States still retained control over their own forces and armaments which the framers of the Covenant intended should be pooled and controlled by the League for one purpose only — to assert the rule of law and prevent any country, large or small, from attacking its neighbours.

Secondly, Article 10, which recommended the peaceful revision of treaties from time to time, remained a pious aspiration, and no

authority in Whitehall. Though he was Mr. Chamberlain's apologist in the "appeasement" era, the completeness of his conversion is as undoubted as was that of Lord Lothian. His ability and authority should serve well to keep relations between the two great democracies upon a secure plane of clarity and candour — in this world crisis the most vital single undertaking before the English-speaking world.

Wanted: Policemen For A New World

By LORD DAVIES

Founder of the New Commonwealth Society, a Movement for Establishing an International Police Force.

effective machinery was created to give effect to its provisions. No attempt was made to establish an Equity Tribunal composed of impartial persons who would be able to deal with disputes which could not be settled by negotiation and conciliation. It suffered the same fate as Article 16.

Unfortunately, at the outset America deserted her offspring — the League — and without her active support the "major force of mankind" could not operate effectively. Thereafter the League degenerated, more and more, into a mere talking shop, and instead of developing into a real international authority, which could dispense justice, and if necessary guarantee its enforcement, it gradually lost its moral

authority and, when the crisis came, was impotent to stem the tide of aggression. The dictators — Mussolini and Hitler, backed by Japan — never lost an opportunity of weakening and ultimately destroying the League.

To-day, we are paying the price for our folly, complacency and wishful thinking. Now we realise that everything which we as free and democratic communities hold dear, is at stake. We must fight this war to the bitter end, because there can be no compromise with evil — no patched-up peace with Herr Hitler. Such a peace would only be an armed truce; the starting point of a new war for the destruction of our liberties and our democratic institutions.

To-day, we here in Britain are holding the fort. France has capitulated. The British Commonwealth alone is left to play the part of the International Policeman. We have no desire to annex territories, nor do we seek economic advantages. But we cherish our free and representative institutions, and are determined to put an end to gangsterism in Europe. It is only natural that we should confidently look to the United States for assistance in this stupendous struggle.

There are two reasons why we should do so. The first is that the United States of America has always been regarded as the champion of democracy and the exponent of federalism. The greatest contribution of Britain to the progress of civilisation has been the development of representative government; the outstanding achievement of the United States has been the growth of federalism. The existence of both is now threatened by the dictators in Berlin and Rome.

Secondly, there was a time when America was regarded as the foremost protagonist of law and order in the world. Thirty years ago, in the days of Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Elihu Root and other stalwarts, the American people supported the principle of arbitration for the settlement of international disputes. In 1910 United States Congress passed a resolution demanding the establishment of an International Navy and requested President Taft to submit this proposition to the governments of Europe. Sir Edward Grey, Britain's Foreign Minister, promised British sympathetic consideration, but the Kaiser and his henchmen in Berlin rejected it.

How different the history of the intervening period might have been if this proposal had been accepted. Instead of two major wars in 25 years, we might have enjoyed peace and unprecedented prosperity.

The essential problem still remains unsolved. How are we to put an end to international racketeering? It is clear that should Herr Hitler win this war, the gangsters will be on top. Having, in rapid succession, put every country in Europe on the spot, it would be very difficult to dislodge them. That is why there can be no compromise. It is a fight to the finish.

There can be no rule of law, no justice, no freedom, so long as they are in possession of their ill-gotten plunder. On the other hand, even when Herr Hitler and his Nazis are defeated, it is impossible for the British Commonwealth alone and unaided to police the world. That is a task which must be undertaken by the major force of mankind.

If at the end of the war, the American Republic and the British Commonwealth are prepared to combine their air forces, just as years ago, it was proposed by Congress to pool their navies, the problem would be solved, under the control, and direction of a policing commission, appointed by, and responsible to, Congress and the Parliaments of the British Commonwealth. It could supervise a scheme of general disarmament — it could ensure and if necessary insist upon the creation of machinery for the peaceful settlement of all disputes. In short, it would become the foundation stone of the rule of law, and put an end to international racketeering.

During the period of reconstruction, and until the New Order had been fully established, it would be entrusted with the duties of an International Policeman. And when the transition period of say 10 or 20 years came to an end, other nations who signified their desire to participate in the maintenance of law and order could be enrolled as members of the International Force and contribute to its maintenance — a new League, but a League with power and authority.

Before this war is over, the combined air forces of the British Commonwealth and the United States may reach the figure of 50,000 planes or even more. And when the dictators have been finally vanquished, why should we repeat the mistakes of 20 years ago? Why should we then disperse these knights of the air whose services can be enlisted, not only to give us victory now, but also to establish a durable peace in the future.

Greece Fights For Democracy

By James Ross

Out of the somewhat bewildering events in the Balkans there emerge a few concrete facts; sufficient, perhaps, to provide the basis for an attempt at an analysis. First, Italy's invasion of Greece has brought about the fourth set-back — and perhaps the most serious so far — to Axis plans since the present war began. No matter how

the struggle ends, history will probably record that in the long run Germany's failure to obtain a complete Cannae in the Battle of France was a definite jolt to the juggernaut. Next ranks the failure to invade England; whether it was ever attempted is beside the point. Thirdly, the British Navy's attack on the French fleet at Oran prevented increase of German sea power. Now comes Mussolini's stupid blunder.

Why stupid? Because, with complete misconception of the factual employment of both air and sea power, he threw Greece into the hands of Britain, with the net result establishment of British air bases at points halving the previous distance between southern Italian ports and British bases, and setting them astride his African line of communications at its most sensitive point — the Strait of Otranto and the Ionian Sea. Incidentally, he also placed British air power within easy range of his Albanian communications.

Whether or not this be viewing the Balkan scene with rose-tinted glasses, the fact remains that no sooner was Grecian terrain open to England than the Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm went into action — the former against the Italians struggling in the mountain passes of the Pindus range, the latter in its brilliant coup of torpedoing from the air a considerable proportion of the Italian fleet in the harbour of Taranto.

Out of Mussolini's sending of a boy to do a man's job, as his so far abortive invasion of Greece appears to have been, another significant fact emerges. The Rumanian oil fields are now within range of British bombing planes based in Greece. Added to this is the loss of "face" by Italy, which may go far in stiffening Yugoslavia's attitude. And, after all, through that country lies the royal road to invade Greece and Turkey.

It is amazing that these considerations should not have been thoroughly weighed by Axis general staffs, prior to Italy's move. Perhaps they were. There is some indication, though from Greek and Yugoslavian sources, which may be biased, that Italy expected no Grecian resistance. One can only surmise on this, of course.

In any event, Mussolini has split quite a few beans, which Hitler must pick up. Hence the frantic efforts to spread Axis domination in other parts of the Balkans, the inclusion of Hungary, and the probable inclusion of Bulgaria and Rumania. The last last named, of course, was already

under German domination except for the barrier erected by the Soviet land-grab of Bessarabia. The Hungarian alliance is the most significant of these moves, since it throws wide the main highway southward through the Balkans.

To understand this, one must examine the physical geography of that area. From Vienna south to Belgrade in Yugoslavia the natural path of conquest is down the Danubian valley, thence up the Morava valley to Skopje, thence south again down the Vardar valley to Salonika. East from Nis runs nature's pathway into the Maritza through Bulgaria and down into the Turkish plain. And a Yugoslavia which might well under present circumstances make a bold stand against Italy's one real gateway into the country — the Pear Tree Pass leading into the Sava valley — could not withstand for long the body-blow of a German invasion via Hungary. Such a move would of course be facilitated by a complacent Bulgaria, greedy to obtain a few crumbs from the Axis table, and would be a grave threat to Turkey in Europe.

However, when it is recalled that Soviet Russia has thus far matched every German eastward move by a "cooperative extension" which now reaches from the Baltic to the Black Sea, one might speculate upon what means Russia would seize to erect further barriers of protection. A Germanic littoral on the Black Sea and Germanic domination of the Dardanelles would spell one more frustration of age-old Russian ambitions for an all-weather sea lane to the Atlantic via the Mediterranean.

Axis propaganda thunder rumbles loudly further to the west, with all outward indications pointing to a move into Spain, or Spanish cooperation in direct attack upon Gibraltar, with the objective of cutting the British Mediterranean life-line and, by use of Spanish western ports and air bases, dominating the Atlantic sea lanes by submarine and by air.

Let us examine this threat. If successful, it would be a heavy blow to the British Empire. Two things mitigate against success, however. In the first place, Spain is to-day in no condition to wage a major operation of warfare against Gibraltar. In the second place, Spain, already almost at starvation's door, could not support an Axis expeditionary force. That Germany must make some move to retrieve the Mediterranean situation is indicated. That it will be either through Spain or through the Balkans is further indicated. Either operation must be accompanied by an ever-lengthening line of communications. Simultaneous moves both ways violate the principles of simplicity and of economy of force. When to these points be added the fact that the Rumanian oil supply, vital to both Italy and Germany, is menaced so long as British air power has Grecian bases, the scales tip in the direction of the Balkans. Further prediction comes into the realm of pure conjecture.

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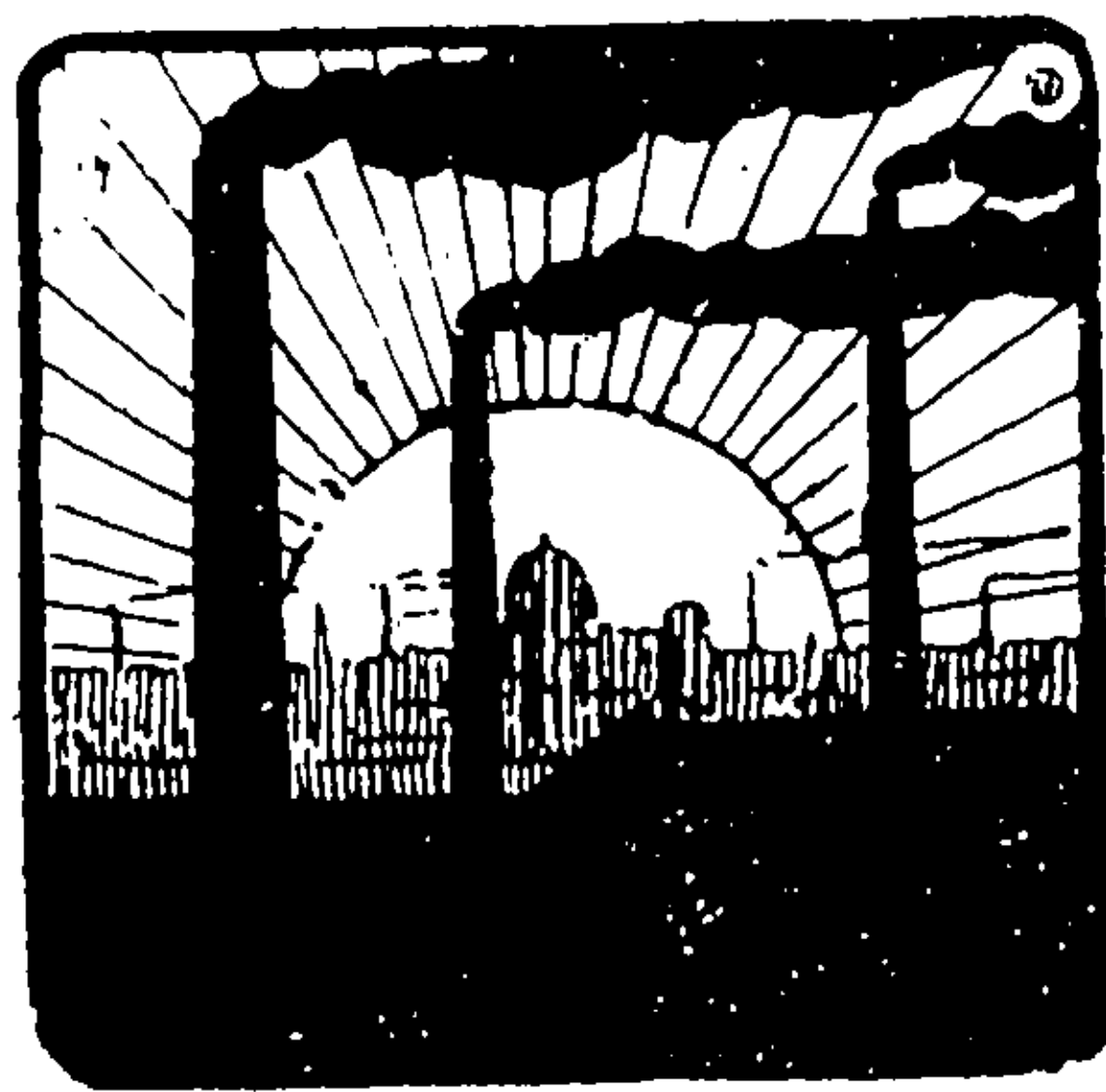
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GEN. THE EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE REVIEWS NEW ARMY

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with
the Ethiopian Army Somewhere in the Sudan)

THERE IS A RATTLE OF MUSKETRY AND HUNDREDS OF SMALL DARK MEN CLAD IN WHITE JIBBAS AND KHAKI SHORTS LEAP FROM THE COVER OF THORN BUSHES AND ADVANCE IN OPEN ORDER ACROSS THE DESERT TO WHERE, IN THE MIDST OF A GROUP OF HIS STAFF, STANDS A SMALL, BEARDED KHAKI-CLAD FIGURE WEARING A TOPEE AND WITH THE CROSSED SWORDS OF A GENERAL ON HIS EPAULETTES.

The Emperor Haile Selassie is watching exercises by the new Free Army of Ethiopia, which is being trained in the Sudan by British, South African and Rhodesian officers.

SHA YU CHUNG RUMOURS

RUMOURS IN CHINESE CIRCLES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE OCCUPIED SHA-YU-CHUNG, MIRS BAY TERMINUS OF THE TAIPO-SHA-YU-CHUNG FERRY SERVICE, ARE OFFICIALLY DENIED.

Although there are four Japanese warships in Bias Bay no landing has been attempted and the Japanese troops along the border have also not started an offensive.

The ferry service between Kowloon and Sha-yu-chung was functioning smoothly the whole day yesterday.

After the exercises, the Emperor drives to the parade ground in the middle of the encampment composed of low matting huts, and stands at the salute while the cream of his troops, shouldering Britain's most modern rifles, march past in long lines, throwing up great clouds of dust.

At their head rides the Crown Prince of Ethiopia, mounted on a magnificent white charger. The Emperor smiles as his son salutes, for once again the ancient House of Judah stands at the head of a fighting army ready for battle.

Well Pleased

The Emperor told me to-day he is well pleased with the progress and bearing of the troops, which he attributed to the British officers.

These officers, some of them well over six feet in height, were formerly graziers and white hunters in Kenya, mining engineers in Rhodesia, schoolmasters and so on, having knowledge of Abyssinia. One former Sudan District Commissioner is among them.

All commands are given in English, and one burly Ethiopian sergeant was heard to say: "Pick 'em up there, you sons of Africa."

All The Arts

The troops are trained in all the arts of war and include men from distant parts of Abyssinia and former refugees in Kenya from the Italian invasion.

During long journeys in twos and threes or in large bands they stole rifles and machine-guns and attacked where possible.

The Emperor's second son, the Duke of Harrar, is now under training with the British and will shortly take a command. He was formerly in Wellington College, O.T.C.

A constant stream of Abyssinian troops and camel convoys of arms is finding a way into the Abyssinian interior where British artillery, manned by Abyssinians, is already in position.—Reuter.

NAZIS SPARING IN BOASTS

The Swedish newspaper "Gothenburg Handelstidning" yesterday declared: "Germany is much more sparing in the overflowing promises which the press and propaganda spread after last summer's successes."

"When the Frankfurter Zeitung writes that the world shall see Adolf Hitler profit by the initiative he has never lost, the statement is given as a form of belief and is nothing other than a message that something will happen one day."

"The vague indefinite tone in

"AMERICAN SITUATION" DISCUSSED

A telegram from Rome received in New York yesterday indicated that Hitler and Mussolini discussed the "American situation" at their conference.—Reuter.

ROBERT BOOTHBY PROTESTS

That his decision was not dictated by the findings of the Select Committee was stated by Mr. Robert Boothby in a letter to the Prime Minister yesterday tendering his resignation as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food.

Mr. Boothby was censured by the Committee for his conduct in connection with the payment out of Czech assets in Britain of claims against the Czech Government and institutions.

Mr. Boothby, in his letter yesterday, adds: "I have felt for some time that it would be my duty to resign even if the Committee exonerated me, for I considered that the way in which the case was prepared and presented is without parallel or precedent in parliamentary history."

Reserving Comment

"My only regret is that the way in which I have been treated prevented me from rendering service to the cause for which I have fought as long as you have yourself."

"I reserve all further comment on these matters for my constituents and the House of Commons."

"I profoundly deplore this interruption to an association with you which I have deeply and sincerely valued."—Reuter.

TASS REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A Tass report from Chungking quotes diplomatic quarters in Washington as source for a report that England has sent to Singapore some 200 of the newest American Brewster fighters.—International News.

KWANGSI GOVERNOR IN CHUNGKING

General Hwang Hsu-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, arrived in Chungking from Kweilin by plane yesterday. He will see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.—Central News.

The newspaper is natural. It is certain that important changes in the conduct of the war must come in the Spring.

"The Turks still believe absolutely that Russia is the most difficult obstacle between Germany and the Bosphorus and, perhaps for German progress through the Balkans."—Reuter.

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"Before Impending Crisis With America Comes To A Head"

CONSIDERABLE ANXIETY WAS CAUSED AMONG FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN THE TOKYO-YOKOHAMA AREA YESTERDAY ON THE RECEIPT BY BRITISH RESIDENTS IN YOKOHAMA OF WRITTEN ADVICE FROM THE CONSUL-GENERAL, MR. W. McVITTIE, TO "LEAVE JAPAN BY REGULAR SHIPPING ROUTES BEFORE THE IMPENDING CRISIS IN JAPANESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS COMES TO A HEAD."

U.S. NAVY PROGRAMME FOR AIR MENACE

By 130 votes to nil the United States House of Representatives yesterday approved an appropriation of £75,000,000 to strengthen the Navy's protection against air attack.

This was the first Bill to be passed by the House at the 77th Congress.—Reuter.

British War Aims

In concentrating his efforts on the supreme task of winning the war, Mr. Winston Churchill is not overlooking the problem of post-war reconstruction and is ready, "when a good opportunity presents itself," to enlarge upon the Government's war and peace aims.

The Prime Minister put his views in a nutshell in the House of Commons yesterday when he said: "Most right-minded people here and abroad, especially in the United States, already fully understand the causes and principles for which we are waging war upon Nazi tyranny."

"The Government is always on the lookout for any opportunity of making a statement that would help our victory and liberation, now ground down under German smoke. I am not, however, able to say anything at present."—Reuter.

S.P.C. MEETING

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Protection of Children, Mr. C. G. Solis assumed his appointment as Chairman for the current year and a hearty vote of thanks was expressed on behalf of the retiring Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam.

Mrs. Graham Cumming was welcomed to the Committee and the Society is grateful for Mrs. Cumming's offer to take over the post of Secretary of the Western Branch.

The Case Report for December showed that 385 children were introduced to the various Centres during the month and that the total number of cases under supervision at 31st December was 1,842, involving approximately 3,000 children. The Society's Inspectors paid 697 visits to homes during the month.

The Finance Statement indicated that the community were continuing to afford very satisfactory support to the Society, although expenditure in 1941 is not likely to fall short of \$28,000.

The Chairman expressed particular thanks to Mr. Li Po-chun for his handsome donation of \$1,200 towards the running expenses of the Ling Yuet Sien Creche for 1941.

Mr. McVittie said the notice was only sent "to a limited number" and declined to elucidate his expectations regarding Japanese-American relations.

VILLAGE INCIDENT

FRED MACK JOHNSON, 57, RESIDING IN A MATSHED IN KOWLOON TONG, TOGETHER WITH THREE CHINESE WAS CHARGED BEFORE MAJOR A. N. MACFADYEN THIS MORNING, WITH IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER AT CHA KWO LING VILLAGE, SHAUKIWAN.

They were also charged with stealing \$8 and four opium pipes. Sergeant Kinloch told the Court that at about 8 p.m. on Monday, one of the Chinese, Lo Hung, went to an unnumbered house at Cha Kwo Ling Village, and asked for the master of the house. Following were Johnson, Cheung Yiu, Leung Cho and two other Chinese.

Lo told the occupant that Johnson was a "pong pan" (Chinese version of inspector) and wanted to search the house. Lo then took \$8 and four opium pipes from the bed.

A large crowd had gathered outside the house, and among the crowd, a Chinese who was familiar with the Police, saw that defendants were not police officers and informed the "kai fong."

Defendants were detained overnight at Cha Kwo Ling, and turned over to the police at Shauiwan yesterday.

Johnson, was fined \$175 or three months, and six weeks' hard labour, while the other three defendants were fined \$135 or two months' hard labour.

RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET

Asked in the Commons yesterday whether active steps were being taken to improve relations between British and the U.S.S.R. and whether he had any statement to make as to present position, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said the Government made proposals for a trade agreement on June 15 and October 21, 1940, and on October 22 made suggestions for a wider political understanding.

"These various proposals," Mr. Butler added, "have not been taken any further by the Soviet Government and the present situation is that the next step rests with them."—British Wireless.

DRIFTING POLICE MOTOR-BOAT

Ships have been asked to keep a sharp look-out for a grey-painted motor-boat with "Police Launch No. 3" marked on each side of the bow. The boat is reported to be drifting towards Macao from Tai-O. Any ship sighting the boat is asked to try and recover it and to hand it over to the Hong Kong Water Police.

ANHWEI CHANGES

Mr. Yang Yi-tsu, Anhwei Finance Commissioner, has been relieved of his post, and Mr. Kwei Ching-chiu, member the Anhwei Provincial Government, appointed to serve as Anhwei Finance Commissioner.—Central News.

The notification pointed out that in case of war all sailings would be cancelled, hurried evacuation would be impossible, British would not be free to use money and property and would be unable to communicate with the Consul and might be interned.

Japanese officials profess ignorance of any development likely to inspire such a warning.

Gravely Disturbed

This time, however, private foreign circles are gravely disturbed by the complete suppression of plans and views, not only of the Japanese Government but also of those abroad, such as might indicate an imminent crisis.

Some regard Mr. McVittie's action as being linked with rumours that Admiral Nomura, new Ambassador to the United States, is not sailing as scheduled.—Reuter.

Dr. S. W. Tso, of No. 24, Caroline Road, has reported the theft of money and a fountain pen, from his residence between 11.30 p.m. on Monday and 7 a.m. yesterday.

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MAKING THE LITTLE TRUMPS

By The Four Aces

One of the marks of the beginner is an undue haste to use his own small trumps by ruffing. This seldom increases the trick-taking power of the hand, since those trumps would be good whether Declarer ruffed with them or simply led them from his own hand; and very often premature ruffing with small trumps so weakens Declarer's trump suit that he loses control of the hand.

Nevertheless, situations occasionally arise in which it is correct for Declarer to seek as many ruffs as he can get. For example:

East, Dealer Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 7 6 3
♥ Q
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ Q 7 5 2

♠ 10 8 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ 7 3
♣ Q J 7 4

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♠ A K J 9 4
♥ 8
♦ 10 5 2
♣ K J 9 3

♠ 5
♥ A K 6 5 4 2
♦ K 9
♣ 10 8 6 4

The bidding: East South West North 1♠ 2♥ Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

After his woefully weak double had been passed all around, West led the ten of spades, holding the trick. He continued the suit and South ruffed. South realised that his small trumps were not natural trick-winners, so embarked on a campaign to make them

by ruffing. The first step was to enter dummy with the Queen of hearts and ruff a third round of spades. Then South cashed the King and Ace of diamonds, and ruffed a third round of diamonds with his last small trump. Six trump tricks and two high diamonds thus gave him his contract. Note that West could have defeated the contract by shifting to trumps at the



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second trick and leading trumps every time he gained the lead.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 6
♥ 10 5
♦ Q J 9 7 5
♣ K Q 4

The bidding: You Schenck Jacoby Maier 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

ANSWER: Bid two spades. That bid does not show any strength in excess of your opening bid; it merely confirms the spade suit. To bid one no-trump denies the spade support and may seriously interfere with whatever bidding follows.

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Question No. 620

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 10 4
♣ A J 2

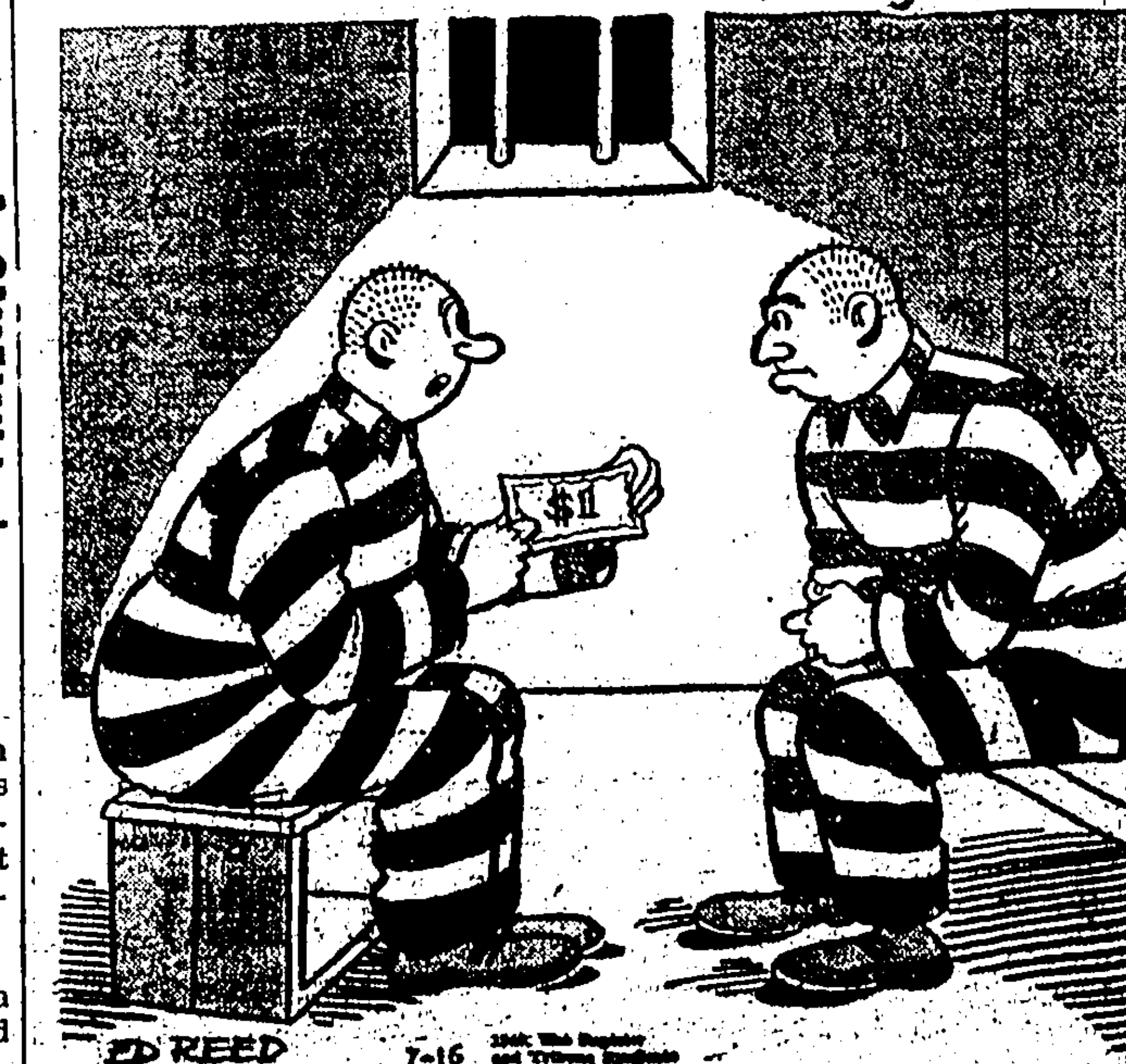
The bidding: Maier Jacoby You Schenck 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass (?)

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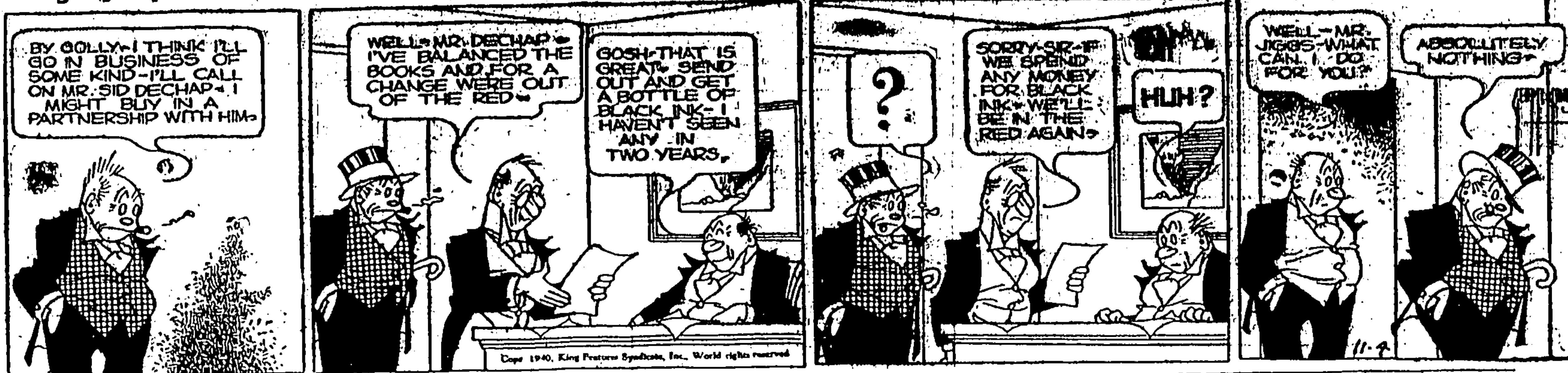


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Bringing Up Father

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counts. Mr. Huang, however, had not obeyed the Council's instructions given in May. If the Council in June had known there was trouble about the school accounts it would not have permitted the building scheme to proceed. Then followed a discussion by members. Admittedly the complaints are not very definite, and Dr. Ts'o clarifies the position in his affidavit. He says Mr. Huang remained in full charge of the finance until July when small amounts were handed by him to the bursar to pay petty cash expenses. Only in September did Mr. Huang hand over the cheque book, pass book and accounts books and he never gave a detailed list of donations nor accounts in the form of a balance sheet. There are no minutes of this August meeting but certain rules were adopted regarding procedure of the finance committee and instructions were issued in writing to the plaintiff. Though Mr. Huang admits these rules were drafted by Dr. Ts'o he claims they were never discussed or passed at any meeting. The August meeting was the meeting it is most likely such rules were adopted and I accept Dr. Ts'o's statement on the point. Under the rules complete financial control was vested on the finance committee. The chairman as treasurer was to have charge of every college account. All moneys, whether fees, donations, contributions, scholarships or building funds were to be received by him and he was to give receipts therefore. The headmaster was to submit a budget yearly. The committee was to scrutinise the items. After the Council had sanctioned the budget, no expenditure beyond it was to be permitted without a special vote being taken. Mr. Huang's answers to this criticism is that he was one of the signatories to the cheques and the payment and receipt books were required for daily use therefore these books could not be given to Mr. Lam.

School Finance

It is clear the Council was determined to learn the exact financial condition of the school and was not satisfied with the information supplied by Mr. Huang and his reasons for not handing over control to Mr. Lam.

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On the 11th August, Mr. Huang paid a first instalment of \$5,500 to the contractor and on the 17th August he told Mr. Lam that he had raised a loan of some money, and had made this payment. Next day Dr. Ts'o wrote remonstrating with him for his improper conduct in not paying the money to the treasurer for the school building fund and for paying out to the contractor. Mr. Huang did not reply to this letter. The only reason suggested for so disobeying the orders of Council is that he could not pay money to Mr. Lam because Mr. Lam had not put up his loan. In my view, even if Mr. Lam had been wrong in not putting up his loan, that does not justify Mr. Huang's behaviour in making direct payments contrary to orders.

On the 28th August Mr. Huang made a second payment to the contractor. Though he claims in his affidavit Mr. Lo (the school bursar) was in full charge of accounts in September, Mr. Huang made various payments throughout September and October. At the end of October he had made six payments totalling \$25,000 from \$14,000 obtained on loan from the Bank, \$5,000 obtained from a Mrs. Chan and about \$5,000 school fees from the school accounts. As regards this last item he had authority to make that payment because he asked Mr. Lam's permission and Mr. Lam signed the cheque; the other payments were made on his own authority without sanction and without passing through the school account. Dr. Ts'o at this time again turned down the Macao loan mainly for the same reasons previously given. By this time he had learned of the various payments made by Mr. Huang and he told Mr. Huang to convene a meeting for the 6th November and to supply the Council with a statement of loans obtained and payments made. The school had been finished by this time.

Mr. Huang's Report

Mr. Huang made his report at the meeting. As regards the financial side he complained in it that 'on the part of the school he had been forced to undergo the most difficult experience of his life' because the promised loans had not been made and he had consequently been forced to raise money quickly and pay the contractor. The account showed that about \$30,000 was owing to the school fees account and another \$9,000 for the contractor and other expenses. He gave the amounts of loans obtained and the names of the lenders. No details were given of the dates of the loans or their terms of repayment.

Dr. Ts'o criticised the financial aspect particularly as regards the taking of \$5,000 from the school fees to pay the contractor and the reduction of this debt to \$3,000 by getting \$2,000 from the Bank. Apparently he was unaware that Mr. Lam had sanctioned the payment to the contractor. Dr. Ts'o, however, rightly disliked any mingling of accounts. After discussion by Council it was resolved: (a) that the building fund and school fees should be kept quite separately; (b) that Mr. Huang should submit a statement of donations received by him towards the building fund; (c) that he should give Mr. Lam particulars of fees payable by students so that they could be checked by him.

On the 9th November, Mr. Huang wrote to Dr. Ts'o informing him that Mr. Lam had approved of the \$5,000 payment to the contractor and had signed the cheque. He did not mention it at the meeting as he did not wish to offend Mr. Lam. Mr. Lam's conduct in allowing the whole blame to fall on Mr. Huang is inexcusable. He should have taken his share of the criticism.

Another meeting was held on the 14th November. Dr. Ts'o mentioned the previous resolution about keeping the school account separate from the building fund account. Before this was possible, Council required to know the present commitments e.g. whether rent was in arrear or teacher's salaries outstanding. A sub-committee was appointed to make investigation.

Resolutions Passed

At the same meeting Council resolved that two new accounts should be opened at the Chartered Bank, one for the school account and one for the building fund account. There was no good reason why these were not opened in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in which the school account had been kept. The proposed change must have caused Mr. Huang uneasiness as he had already promised the Bank that the school fees would go towards reduction of the overdraft. He claims he strongly objected to the proposal and the 3rd appellant tried to support him, but was refused a hearing by Dr. Ts'o and there was no unanimous resolution. There is no record of opposition in the minutes and they were confirmed at a later meeting. I am not prepared to hold that Dr. Ts'o deliberately made false entries and I accept the statement that there was such a unanimous resolution.

After the accounts were opened in the Chartered Bank, Dr. Ts'o considers there was an improvement in the relationship existing between Mr. Huang and the Council. Mr. Huang commenced to hand over school fees and other moneys to the bursar for the payment into the Bank. Mr. Lam was so satisfied that on the 24th November he paid \$5,000 of his loan, the remainder being paid on the 30th November and 23rd December. The tone at the next meeting on 27th December was very friendly.

On 8th January, Mr. Huang wrote to Dr. Ts'o that some teachers were asking for the return of their loans and for salary; as the Council had undertaken all financial responsibility he referred the matter to him. The state of affairs on 10th December was that there was under \$700 in the Bank and loans to teachers were about \$1,200 — probably the condition was not much altered on 8th January. This was a reasonable request by Mr. Huang but Dr. Ts'o replied in a matter which put an end to all chances of harmony being restored. He stated that Mr. Huang was personally responsible for repayment of the loans made necessary because he had incurred unauthorised expenditure and Mr. Huang should make his own arrangements to repay. If Dr. Ts'o had given the matter full consideration he must have seen that this reply would disrupt the harmony which had existed since about 14th November as indeed it did. Mr. Huang's letter should have received a more sympathetic reply. Further letters followed in which Dr. Ts'o told Mr. Huang that the Macao Loan had been stopped because he had persistently refused to help Mr. Lam straighten out the accounts. Mr. Huang asked for a written statement from Mr. Lam as to how he had refused help. In addition he mentioned that there was a good deal of friction among the Council members. He enclosed a letter from the Hong Kong Bank complaining of the breach of trust in transferring the school accounts. Mr. Lam never thought fit to give this a written reply. Had he done so the quarrel might have ended earlier.

No Minutes

On the 17th August the Council discussed the letter from the Bank. No minutes exist. Next

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day Dr. Ts'o informed the Bank that the building grant, which was to be made in a few months, time would be used to pay off the overdraft. The Macao Loan — \$10,000 — was paid at the end of January on a promissory note in the joint names of Dr. Ts'o and Mr. Huang. Chinese New Year was only a week off and creditors were pressing Mr. Huang so he wrote to Dr. Ts'o enclosing in the form of a resolution a proposal for the expenditure of the loan. One item was to pay contractors, another was teachers' salaries and a third the return of a loan from

the students deposit account and in particular an item of \$500 (which was urgently needed within a day or two to pay matriculation fees, there being no money in the Bank account to meet it. Dr. Ts'o referred him to Mr. Lam. At the same time pointing out that he (Dr. Ts'o) did not understand why money paid for the students fees was not available. Mr. Huang in turn referred the matter to Mr. Lam who paid the teachers' salaries but not the contractors nor the \$500 and Mr. Huang had to borrow \$500. In

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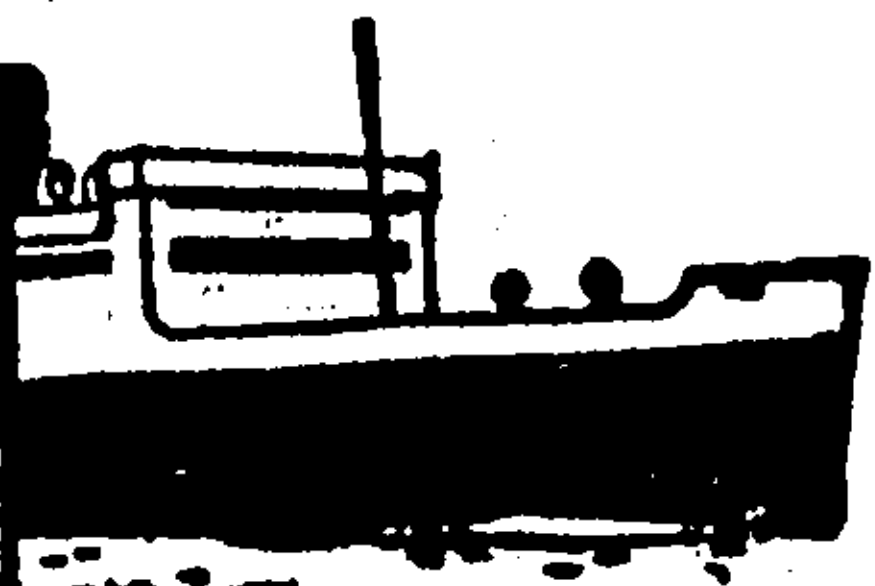
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order to pay the contractors the persuaded Mrs. Shea, headmistress of the primary school who in the course of her duty had collected the primary school fees, to hand them to him instead of to the bursar. The amount in question was about \$4,000 and Dr. Tso on learning this requested him to pay the money at once to Mr. Lam for the school account. Mr. Huang's reply to this was that his suggestions for expenditure or payment for past service to the school were not adopted; only the headmaster knew the needs of the school and it was for Mr. Lam to co-operate and meet these needs and not pay according to his fancy; he (Mr. Huang) must be allowed the initiative to act and plan what was best for the school. As the money had not been forthcoming he had no alternative but to use the school fees to pay the contractor. Dr. Tso contends in his affidavit that if the Macau loan had been paid out as proposed by Huang nothing would be left for running the school at this time and the most judicious spending of the loan was called for.

Grant Application

About this time Mr. Huang made a second application to the Director of Education for the Education for the building grant. The Bank was now pressing for him to reduce the overdraft by \$4,000. In reply to the application for the grant a request was made that the trustees or legal representatives of the school should make a declaration of trust. The Solicitor for Mr. Huang prepared the declaration (it was not referred to the Council as it ought to have been), and sent it to the Director of Education at the same time telling him that Mr. Huang's instructions were that he was the only legal representative of the school at that time there was an Advisory Committee. Strictly speaking, as the name was registered in Mr. Huang's name he was the only legal representative, but this statement regarding the functions of the Council was entirely unjustified—it is at complete variance with the power given the Council under the Constitution drawn up by Mr. Huang himself. It epitomised what Mr. Huang had come to think of the Council's powers—their 'instructions' to him were only to be advice. This letter later came to the notice of Dr. Tso and it is not remarkable that it caused him considerable annoyance. At the same time Dr. Tso learned that \$7,000 school fees, not \$4,000, as he previously believed, had been kept by Mr. Huang and he again wrote pointing out the irregularity.

Emergency Meeting

On the 12th March, Dr. Tso notified all the members of the Council except Mr. Huang that an emergency meeting would be held on 15th March to consider Mr. Huang's behaviour in retaining school fees, in claiming to be the only legal representative and asserting that the Council was merely advisory; the Council was to consider whether he was fit to be principal. A full attendance was requested. At a meeting only the three respondents were present. 2nd and 3rd appellants were absent. It was decided that Bishop Hall should be asked to interview Mr. Huang, and press him for a full account of the money collected by him. If the result was unsatisfactory he was to be requested to resign from the position of principal—falling that he was to be dismissed. It was also resolved that Mr. Huang should assign the land to the three respondents in accordance with the terms of the Declaration of Trust of 24th June, 1939.

Up to the date of this meeting, apart from the statements by Mr. Huang in his letter of 14th January to Dr. Tso that there was friction among the Council members, there is nothing in the record of minutes and letters to suggest that other members of Council did not support Dr. Tso. When 2nd and 3rd appellants did not appear at the March meeting, Dr. Tso began to suspect they were supporting Mr. Huang and he wrote to both, regretting their non-attendance at such an important meeting.

Dr. Tso criticises the behaviour of these two gentlemen on the ground that if they had any grievances they should have expressed them either in the Council or to him personally. If they

disapproved of Dr. Tso's conduct or Mr. Lam's they ought to have said so and the matter might have been adjusted. They had so conducted themselves up to March, as to give Dr. Tso every reason to believe they supported the policy of the Council as expressed by unanimous resolutions. Mr. Huang tries to excuse them by saying that they had endeavoured to speak at many meetings but were suppressed by Dr. Tso and in view of his age they did not press the matter. If this were true they are not fit to be members. I am satisfied that the proper conclusion to be drawn from the record is that both did support Dr. Tso until March, when, for some reason, they took sides with Mr. Huang. It is admitted that they supported Mr. Huang's conduct in retaining the \$7,000 fees.

Tact

Numerous letters now passed between the parties and their solicitors. Some statements in the solicitors' letters might have been more tactfully worded and must have helped in widening the breach between the parties. There was trouble in April about the payment of teachers' salaries and on the 9th April Dr. Tso and Mr. Lam were called on by Mr. Huang to pay \$3,200, teachers' salaries and to resign, and on the 12th April Mr. Huang took out the originating summons which was heard on the 17th and 23rd May.

At the hearing it was clear to the trial judge that the position of Mr. Huang as a member of the Council and therefore one of his own masters was one of difficulty. It must also have been apparent to him that a Council in which Dr. Tso and Mr. Huang sat would experience considerable difficulty in performing its duty because of the antagonism which now existed between them. The learned trial judge therefore, in the hope that matters might be amicably settled, suggested that Mr. Huang should resign from the Council and devote himself solely to his work as headmaster.

He did not resign but instead made a conditional offer to do so. He was prepared to resign, provided he was allowed to attend every meeting of the Council without power to vote and was relieved of all financial responsibility past and present. The condition that he should have the right to be present at every Council meeting was unacceptable because relationship between him and certain members of the Council was not cordial; it was conceded that he would be asked to attend some of the meetings to give his views and impart information. The Court order for his removal was accordingly made on the 6th June and notice of appeal was filed by Mr. Huang on the 8th June.

Numerous Incidents

Thereafter numerous letters followed and incidents occurred. I mention only a few of them. Respondents were pressing Mr. Huang to assign the property to them under the terms of the Declaration of Trust. He refused to consider assigning until the loans he had incurred in connection with the school building had been repaid. On the 21st June solicitors for respondents replied that the Council must first get full details of the loans before consenting to meet them. The information required could have been prepared in a few days at most but in spite of two reminders details were not given until the 18th July. This delay was inexcusable, and reveals Mr. Huang's reluctance to keep the Council informed of the existing state of the school's finances.

On the 29th July a meeting of the Council was held and a decision reached to dismiss Mr. Huang from the headmastership on payment of one month's salary. The reasons given for this treatment of one who had worked so hard in the interests of the school for a long period were that he had claimed that he was the only representative of the school; he had refused to transfer the school property after his removal from the trusteeship and he had neglected his duties as headmaster by spending time in unjustifiable litigation; his continuance as headmaster jeopardised the school. The main grievance at this time seems to have been his refusal to assign which could have been overcome by obtaining a vesting order from the Court. There was no necessity therefore to dismiss him from the headmastership at that time, and particularly on such ungenerous terms.

After his dismissal from the headmastership Mr. Huang con-

tinued to hold himself out as headmaster. He wrote to the Director of Education in reply to a circular, signing his name as principal and requesting Government to assist towards the purchase of certain equipment for the school.

This court must now decide whether the order removing Mr. Huang should be reversed and whether Dr. Tso and Mr. Lam should be removed from the Council. To restore Mr. Huang and not remove the other two would leave an impossible situation because they clearly cannot now get on together. On the question of the removal of trustees by the court, obviously a very delicate matter, little help can be obtained from the authorities. The primary duty of the court is to see that the trusts are properly carried out and if the continuance of a trustee prevents the trust being carried out it will remove that trustee. In addition to this primary duty there is the secondary duty of removing a trustee for acts or omissions which endanger the trust property (Lettersted v. Braers 9 A.C. (1834) 371 at 386).

The Impasse

The decision must be based on the impression gained from the whole course of events and not on isolated incidents. It is clear that for a period of about a year from May, 1939, Dr. Tso with the full support of the Council was pressing Mr. Huang to hand over full financial responsibility to Mr. Lam and to inform the Council of the School's financial commitments. No member had expressed any doubt or difficulty as to what was required from Mr. Huang. It was the duty of Mr. Huang as the member of the Council who knew the financial situation to keep the Council fully enlightened not only about past transactions but also about current ones. Mr. Huang received the directions at the May meeting but he admits that until September he remained practically in full control of accounts only paying with small sums to the bursar to meet petty cash accounts. By the end of July Mr. Lam was unable to make his financial report and he resigned. Counsel for appellants claims that Mr. Huang's letter of 31st July has never been answered but I am of opinion it has, by the definite instructions given to Mr. Huang at the meeting on 3rd August.

The excuse given by Mr. Huang for not obeying the instructions is that Mr. Lam had not put up his loan, and the Macau loan had been stopped and he had to pay the contractor. At that time, however, there was no refusal of the Council to pay the contractor; the Council had never been asked to make this payment. On 18th August Dr. Tso, on learning that Mr. Huang had made the direct payment, wrote telling him of Council's instructions that any loan raised must be paid to the school account and that Mr. Lam would pay the contractor therefrom. There is no reply from Mr. Huang but instead another five payments are made to the contractor in Sept. and Oct., only one of which came out of the school accounts. The origin of the whole trouble was that Mr. Huang did not carry out Council's instructions and this in turn led to the stoppage of the loans and hence the impasse.

The taking of the \$7,000 school fees from Mrs. Shea is a matter for censure. Part of it was paid by Mr. Huang to reduce the overdraft with the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank which pressed him to do so. He knew, however, at this time that the Council had recently promised the Bank that the building grant would be earmarked to pay the overdraft. He should have passed on this letter to the Council as he had passed on the earlier letter of the Bank, but instead on his own responsibility he took these fees and paid to the Bank.

These and later incidents are indicative of his attitude towards the Council which, by his own statement, he regarded as an advisory body. His desire was to control the finances and policy of the school and the Council was right in opposing his wish.

"Inexcusable"

Nothing can justify his conduct in applying to the Director of Education for a new primary school grant at this time when he had ceased to be a member of Council and when the Council was merely considering the mat-

ter, without having reached a definite decision. His conduct also in addressing the Director of Education as principal of the school after his dismissal is inexcusable. In my opinion his behaviour throughout and particularly in the early stages of the dispute, if not jeopardising the school, certainly satisfies me that his continuance as a trustee would prevent the trust being properly carried out and I therefore agree with the decision reached on that point by the learned trial judge.

The dismissal of Mr. Huang from the headmastership by the Council is not all to his credit.

I cannot, however, find that he was domineering or obstructive. As Chairman he naturally took a leading part in the Council's discussions but no dissenting voice was raised until March, 1940, apart from that of Mr. Huang.

I agree that some criticisms can rightly be directed at Mr. Lam. His explanation why he did not sign the contract along with Mr. Huang is not convincing. He might have put up his loan earlier. On one or two occasions he might have written to Mr. Huang, pointing out where he considered Mr. Huang was at fault. On the other hand he showed himself, right from the start of events, determined to get at the bottom of the school's finances and to straighten them out. The Council was equally desirous of the information. As treasurer and therefore directly responsible for finance he did not get the assistance which he should have got from Mr. Huang. I do not consider he should be removed.

I therefore hold that this appeal must be dismissed with costs. Mr. Justice J. T. Fraser concurred.

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Ramblerettes Start Well But Fade Out

By "Grandstand"

ALTHOUGH THE CONDITION OF THE GROUND ON SATURDAY AS THE RESULT OF THE RAIN, WAS SO BAD THAT THE COMPLETE MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE SCHEDULE HAD TO BE POSTPONED, THE FULL LADIES' LEAGUE PROGRAMME WAS PLAYED.

Behind the Sunday pitching of "Big Chief" Therese Noronha, the Wahoos whitewashed the Little Flowers 10-0 in a seven-inning tilt featured by hurler Noronha's 10 erasures via the strikeout route.

Although Johnnie "Take your time" Fonseca's Florinhas have improved tremendously since their last outing, they were no match for the more experienced Wahoos, and only managed to reach second base once, when Aida "Sweet-as-apple-cider" Castro heaved the Florinha third-sacker an easy grounder, high, wide and handsome. Socorro Sequeira was the only Little Flower to connect Therese Noronha for a safety, by slashing a single over the initial sack.

Lily Rozario Deputises

In the absence of regular Florinha hurler Lily Silva, who was unable to play, Lily Rozario worked on the slab, and fanned three Greenshirts Owls, and allowed only one walk. Ten Little Flowers withered before Therese Noronha's shoots, whilst two were given free tickets to first.

Wahoos, starting with their regular line-up, lead-off hitter Yvonne Yolle, Irene "Tomboy" Castilho and Jackie Anderson, punched out three singles in a row, to garner their first two markers, after which they adopted milder tactics, by resorting to bunting, and were held scoreless for the next two frames, although Jackie Anderson was given a life on Lilian Foster's fumble, but was left stranded on second.

Socorro "Soso" Castro's neat dump scored Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle in the fourth for one more marker, but in the fifth and sixth frames, the Wahoos rolled up a four-hit attack to dent the home-plate seven times and salt the game away.

Yvonne Yolle, Jackie Anderson and Socorro Castro all collected two safeties each, whilst Jackie Anderson earned fielding honours by handling 13 chances without error. Yvonne Yolle was credited with no fewer than four stolen bases.

Sixth Inning Uprising

Although the Recreio Ramblerettes put up a game fight for five

innings, a sixth-inning Wildcat uprising, which counted for 13 markers, gave the latter a 21-6 victory over the Ramblerettes. Starting with only eight players on the field, Cardinal short-stop Betty Fitzgerald was allowed to make up the team for the Recs, and for a while it looked as if the Wildcats had bitten off more than they could chew, as Betty assisted in six put-outs.

The wet condition of the ground caused errors to be committed wholesale by both sides, the Untamed Felines bungling nine times to the Ramblerettes' eleven, of which Lolly Rodrigues was responsible for no less than five.

Lily "Sunshine" Mar's heavy stick-work was outstanding. She batted safely three times out of five, and hit the only homers and two-baggers clouted in the game.

Slabstress Thelma Collaco for the Wildcats fanned four, and passed three, whilst Gerry Jorge on the mound for the Recs walked four and struck-out none.

Panthers Nosed Out

Despite a late rally which netted them eight runs in the sixth and seventh frames, the Panthers were nosed out by the Cardinals 14-13, in a game featured by Redbird coach "Doc" Molthen's fiery protest against the umpire's decision on a play between third and home. Finding no ground for the protest, the decision was not reversed by the umpires.

The Panthers opened the scoring with a three-hitter which netted them three tallies, blanking the Redbirds in the first frame, and only allowing them a single marker in the next, but the determined Cards replied with two clusters of runs in the third and fourth to put them ahead 9-5.

Making effective use of their two singles off Babida in the sixth, the Pantherettes chafed up five tallies to threaten the Cardinals once more, although the Redbirds tallied four times at their turn with the bat.

With the last inning coming up, the Cards were shut out, whilst the Panthers needed only four runs to tie the score, and came to within a shade of knotting the count as they scored three times, only to lose the decision.

Efegina Babida, on the slab, fanned two and passed three, whilst Lelia "La-la" Xavier toiling for the Panther Kittens was not up form, and whiffed two only.

Although Betty Fitzgerald's four-in-five batting was the best of the fracas, she bungled both fielding chances that came her way, whilst Cardinal key-stoner Gilly da Motta's three safeties brought in three markers for her side.

Regina Xavier gave a very poor display in the windy alley for the Panthers, miscuing six of the eight chances that came her way.

Notes On The Rules

For the benefit of certain critics who are unable to understand the Softball code, these few notes are meant to clear up the umpires' decision on the protested play above-mentioned.

Rule 29, Sec. 8 of the Official Softball Rules says that a runner is out, if in running to any base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between a base and the next one in regular or reverse

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

SENIOR LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	2	.778
St. Joseph's	7	2	.778
Indiana	6	3	.667
Cyclones	6	4	.600
Recreio Aces	4	3	.571
Chinese Baseballers	3	4	.429
Filipinos	1	7	.125
Canadian Chinese	0	9	.000
JUNIOR LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chung Hwa	7	0	1.000
V.R.C.	5	1	.833
R.A.F.	6	2	.750
Recreio Bees	6	3	.667
Cosmos	5	3	.625
South China	4	3	.571
Liga Portuguesa	3	4	.429
Royal Scots	3	4	.429
8th R.A.	2	7	.222
C.B.A.	1	7	.125
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000
LADIES' LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Canadian Chinese	9	0	1.000
Wildcats	8	1	.889
Wahoos	9	2	.818
Panthers	6	5	.545
Cardinals	6	6	.500
Ramblerettes	3	8	.273
Little Flowers	1	9	.100
Chung Hwa	0	10	.000
INTER-HONG LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Texaco	3	1	.750
Laos	2	1	.667
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	4	.000

KOTEWALL CUP MATCH OFF

The Kotewall Cup football match between Navy and Army, which was to have been played at Caroline Hill this afternoon at 4 p.m., has been postponed as Navy are unable to field a side.

ARMY-CLUB HOCKEY MATCH OFF

The hockey match between Army (British Ranks) and the Hong Kong Hockey Club was not played at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon due to the poor weather.

MIDDLESBROUGH CENTRE-FORWARD

SEASON'S TOP-SCORER in the Soccer Regionals is 18-year-old George Stobart. There must be something in the Middlesbrough air which suits centre-forwards, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

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The Champion Amateur

Most people have, I guess, forgotten that Middlesbrough went amateur after three years of professionalism, and, in fact, won the Amateur Cup in successive years (1894 and 1895) before again going professional.

order to avoid being touched by a ball in the hand of a fielder. The note appended below the rule emphasises that the possession of the ball is the controlling factor.

In the play protested, it was generally agreed that the ball was only relayed from one player to another, not one of the fielders making any attempt to tag the runner. Therefore, it doesn't take much imagination to see that the runner was not avoiding being tagged, because no one was tagging him!

JUNIOR LEAGUE

By "Grandsland"

In the Junior loop, the R.A.F. shaded the Liga Portuguesa 8-7 after extra innings were played.

The Souza-men took the lead up to the seventh chapter, but the Airmen rallied and knotted the count six-all. In the eighth and ninth, both sides were unable to push over the tie-breaker, but in the third overtime stanza the Kai Tak squad pulled twice to the Liga's lone marker to take the game.

Despite Wally Welford's determination to chalk up their first victory—he turned out a full team—the Recreio Bees triumphed over the Sappers 11-6.

In the night-cap, chief-umpire Welford called the South China-8th R.A. tussle during the sixth, on account of the heavy rain which rendered the ground unsuitable for play. South China, leading 11-3 at that stage, were therefore awarded the game.

LADIES' LEAGUE SOFTBALL SELECTIONS

The following team has been selected to represent the Ladies' Softball League in match against Kowloon Football Club, starting at 2.15 p.m. on Chinese New Year's Day:—First-String Battery—Therese Noronha and Jackie Anderson; Second-String Battery—Mary Ng and Dot Louie; First Base—Lily Mar; Second Base—Celeste Marques; Third Base—Gloria Mar; Short-Stop—Irene Castilho; Left-Field—Irene Pereira; Centre-Field—Betty Fitzgerald; Right-Field—Theresa Marques; Utility—Yvonne Yolle.

All proceeds will go to the Bomber Fund.



K.C.C. SHOULD BEAT ST. JOHN'S

By "Adrem"

With Henry Eardley out of the St. John's team, Kowloon Cricket Club have every chance of beating the Saints in their "B" Division League Badminton match at the Cathedral Hall this evening.

If St. John's do lose they will not have to undergo the inconvenience of going in to the Senior Division, as their record would oblige them to if they secured their fourth successive win at the expense of K.C.C., who have also been unbeaten this year.

Other matches this evening should result in victories for Victoria Recreation Club, King College and St. Andrew's.

Programme And Teams

Following is to-day's Badminton League programme and some of the teams:—

J.R.C. v. V.R.C.
Recreio v. King's College
St. John's v. K.C.C.
St. Andrew's v. Police
St. John's—D. Kwok and E. Kennard; N. L. Smith and P. Wilson; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd.
J.R.C.—A. R. Poliak and S. Ramler; L. Landau and A. Odell; B. Godkin and M. Talan.
St. Andrew's—E. F. Fincher and H. Kew; A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray; M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie.

King's College—T. Lam and K. H. Lo; K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo; S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung.
Police—W. Gillies and L. Gordon; R. Hagarth and J. Shepherd; J. Macdonald and H. Dingsdale.
Recreio—P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho; A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha; E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano.

H.K.C.C. TEAM FOR BIG MATCH

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club against Kowloon Cricket Club on January 27 and 28 at 11 a.m. on each day, at Chater Road:

H. Owen-Hughes, L. T. Ride, Major D. C. E. Gross, 2/Lieut. T. A. Pearce, 2/Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, D. McLellan, F. Baker, T. G. C. Knight, A. E. Perry, D. I. Bosanquet and R. H. Griffiths.

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club second eleven against the Police on Saturday at Chater Road at 2 p.m.:

C. W. E. Bishop (Capt.), N. D. Booker, G. J. P. Carey, H. Owen-Hughes, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, H. J. Armstrong, G. P. Charlton, W. G. Finnie, I. P. Tamworth and E. W. Pudney.

COLONY CHESS TOURNAMENT DRAW

The draw, round by round, for the Colony Open Chess Championship Tournament (1941) has been announced as follows:—

TUES., FEB. 4:—D. E. de Carvalho v. C. M. Sequeira; G. S. Coxhead v. E. Zimmermann; L. Karpovich v. K. Weiss.

THURS., FEB. 6:—Zimmermann v. Carvalho; Karpovich v. Sequeira; Weiss v. Coxhead.

TUES., FEB. 11:—Carvalho v. Weiss; Sequeira v. Zimmermann; Coxhead v. Karpovich.

THURS., FEB. 13:—Coxhead v. Carvalho; Weiss v. Sequeira; Zimmermann v. Karpovich.

TUES., FEB. 18:—Carvalho v. Karpovich; Sequeira v. Coxhead; Zimmermann v. Weiss.

THURS., FEB. 20:—Sequeira v. Carvalho; Zimmermann v. Coxhead; Weiss v. Karpovich.

TUES., FEB. 25:—Carvalho v. Zimmermann; Sequeira v. Karpovich; Coxhead v. Weiss.

THURS., FEB. 27:—Weiss v. Carvalho; Zimmermann v. Sequeira; Karpovich v. Coxhead.

TUES., MARCH 4:—Carvalho v. Coxhead; Sequeira v. Weiss; Karpovich v. Zimmermann.

THURS., MARCH 6:—Karpovich v. Carvalho; Coxhead v. Sequeira; Weiss v. Zimmermann.

EVANS WINS

In the Senior Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club played yesterday evening, B. D. Evans defeated W. Lee.



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Sappers Win Small Units Rugby Final

ROYAL ENGINEERS won the small Units Rugby League when they beat Royal Scots in the final at Sookunpoo yesterday by three tries (9 points) to nil after leading at the interval by 3-0.

All three tries were scored by Birrell, who, in spite of the heavy ground, was very fast and was the most prominent player on the field.

Engineers opened their scoring in the first half when Birrell scored an uncovered try after a bout of good passing.

Before half-time Scots should have scored a try when Hunter was tackled five yards from the Sappers' line.

In the second-half Birrell missed a penalty kick and shortly after Gracie (Royal Scots) kicked wide of the posts from another penalty.

Birrell scored Sappers' second try when he received from Martin and evaded two opponents. He took the kick and failed.

Engineers scored their last try through Birrell as the result of a 25-yard dribble, Marshall just failing to stop the ball.

Col. Simpson presented the medals to both teams at the conclusion of the game.

Middlesex-Navy Draw

Middlesex Regiment and Royal Navy "A" played a scoreless draw yesterday when they met in a friendly Rugby game at Causeway Bay yesterday.

To-day's Match Cancelled

The Club "A" rugger game on the Club ground this afternoon has been cancelled.

Navy to Play Police

Navy will play Police in a Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match at Causeway Bay, starting at 4.15 p.m. to-day.

HOCKEY TRIAL

An Interport hockey trial to select Hong Kong's team to meet Macao in Macao in February will be held on the Club ground, King's Park, on Saturday at 3.30 p.m. Following are the teams:

Colours:—V. M. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.); V. Bond (Club), Crosson (Engineers); M. H. Hassan (Khalsa), W. A. Reed (Club), N. B. Whitley (Club); Teja Singh (Police), T. S. D. Whitley (Club), Cpl. Hitchcock (Royal Scots), J. Fonseca (Recreio), W. Brown (Police).

Whites:—U. B. Souza (Khalsa); A. M. Xavier (Nomads), Man Singh (Police); T. Alves (Recreio), Capt. Woods (Rajputana Rifles), D. McLellan (Club); Narwant Singh (Police), L/Cpl. Shaw (Engineers), Gurbachan Singh (Khalsa), M. Akram (Punjabs), Lieut. J. Ross (Punjabs).

The following are also requested to attend:—E. Fowler (C.B.A.), Jesbir Singh (Police), R. Marques (Recreio), Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex), B. I. Bickford (Club), J. Gonsalves (Recreio), R. J. Reed (Nomads), Capt. Kampta Parsad (Punjabs).

Selections To Follow

Following the trial, 15 players will be selected and the Colony's team will be chosen on the date of the match from these. Several practice matches for these 15 players will be arranged. The first will take place on Tuesday on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. against a team yet to be nominated. The Selection Committee have

RACEHORSES SOLD CHEAP

A man with quite a modest bank balance could have gone bargain-hunting with reasonable hopes of picking up a Derby or other big race winner for a song when Messrs. Tattersalls held their Newmarket sale, writes a Home correspondent.

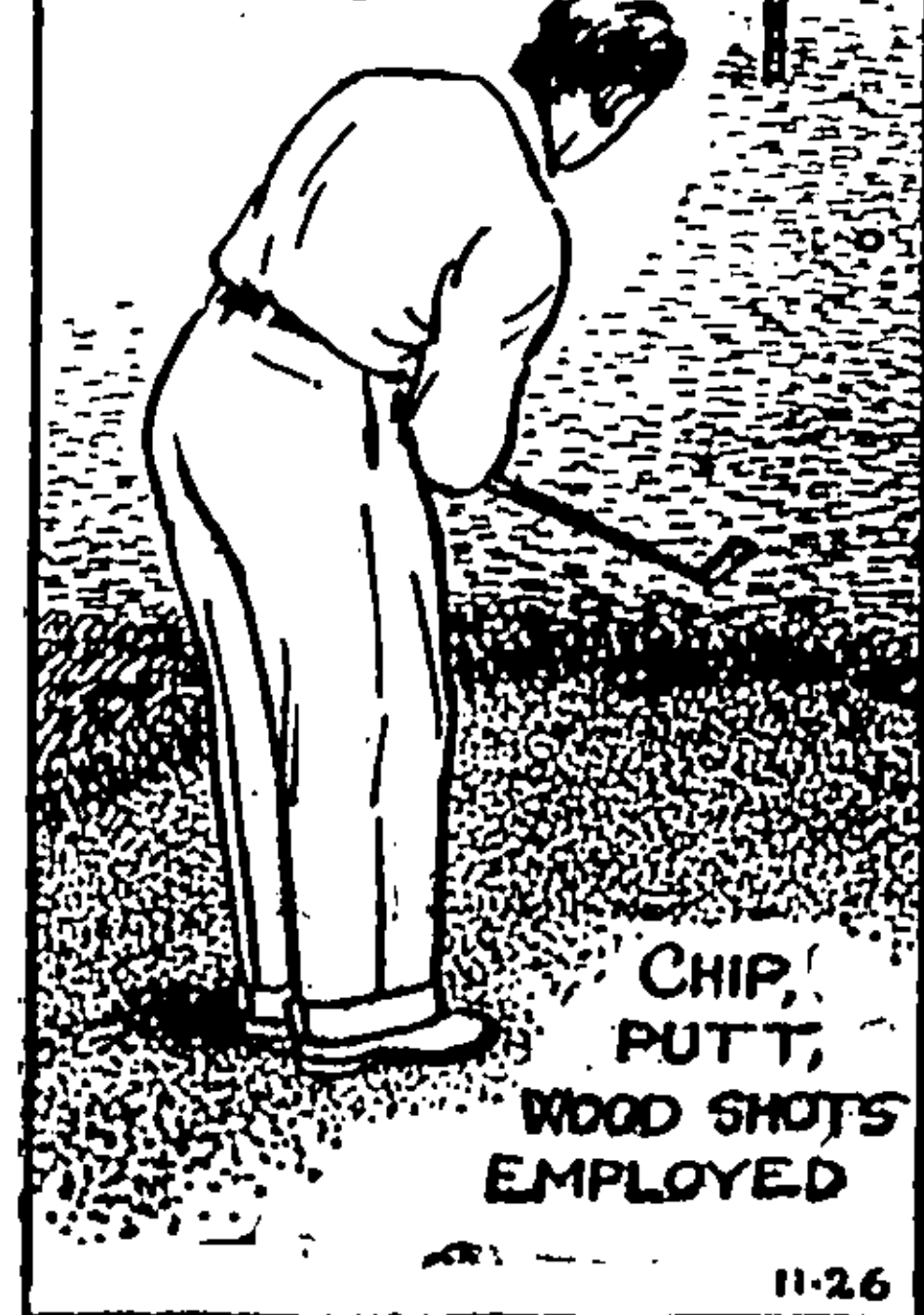
I doubt whether even the last war produced such "gifts" in the sale ring. A fiver would buy young racehorses which, in normal years, would have realised bids of hundreds of pounds if not four figures.

Five guineas secured yearlings by such well-known sires as the flying grey Xandover, the equally fast Tommy Atkins and His Grace, The Black Abbot and Allahah—all famous racers a few years back.

Older horses fetched rather better prices, but even such winners as Peter Kane (with a Cesarewitch engagement) and Holy Terror realised only 130 and 200 guineas.

GRAPHIC GOLE

NUMEROUS METHODS OF ESCAPE FROM SAND TRAPS POSSIBLE



Sand Trap Tips

By BEST BALL

Using a putter in a sand trap may not appear strictly blue book etiquette to a lot of players, who are used to nothing but a niblick here, but it is being done by the best players. All that is needed is a good lie with the ball resting well on top of the sand, a firm surface, damp sand will help this quality, and the right sort of edge to the green.

The latter quality is important. The green must slope gently down to the bunker minus any over-hanging edge for the use of this shot. The ball hit slightly downward, will bounce over the sand and onto the green. Avoid getting sand between the putter face and the ball and thus deadening the power of the stroke. A similar precaution must be taken with chip shots from the trap, often employed when the sharp edge of the green prevents a rolling, putt like shot.

When distance is desired and the ball sets up well, a brassie or spoon may be employed. For power shots the player must dig in to avoid slipping, only taking sand after the ball has been hit.

Next Article:—Crisp Iron Play.

not yet been informed by the Army Sports Board whether Army players will be able to make the trip but the Committee have every reason to believe that the Sports Board will make known its decision before Saturday.

Members of the Selection Committee are Lieut. J. P. Gunnar (Royal Navy), Capt. Cartwright-Taylor (Royal Engineers), K. Hussain (Civilians), V. M. Benwell (Hon. Secretary).

A. P. PEREIRA BEATEN

Cpl. J. H. Harvey, Army billiards and snooker champion, last night beat A. P. Pereira, of the Volunteers, in the best of three frames snooker exhibition before an enthusiastic gathering at the European Y.M.C.A.

Pereira won the first frame 96-15, and Harvey won the next two 69-58 and 62-28.

POLICE STATION MATCH

A friendly Snooker match will be held between Kowloon Police and Royal Army Medical Corps, the Army team Billiards Champions, at the Water Police Station at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Police will be represented by Sub-Insps. Bradwell and Sergeants Pile, Pope Matches, Johnston and Haynes.

When S. A. Gray, president of Hong Kong Badminton Association, took the court for St. Andrew's Club against Kowloon Cricket Club on Wednesday he was playing in his first League match for three years. Gray was one of a small group who started badminton in the Colony and he has been largely responsible for the present popularity of the game.

SHOT WRONG HORSE

A story with the Nat Gould touch was provided by the sensational attempt to cripple the Melbourne Cup favourite, Beau Vite—five days before the race—writes a Home correspondent.

The attempt failed on a million-to-one chance. The attackers, who bored a small hole in the wall of the box at the stables, shot Beau Vite's stable mate, El Golea, by mistake.

El Golea, not entered for the Cup, is a dead ringer of his illustrious companion. Both are brown horses and similarly bandaged.

Whenever I hear nobbling stories I think back to a famous French favourite for the Derby, which was guarded day and night by armies of detectives.

Overnight the horse was reported to be a victim of a coughing epidemic then sweeping the stables.

After an eve-of-the-race story, a Fleet Street night editor wired the trainer and got back the classic reply:

"The horse is well, but the detectives are coughing."

Kowloon Tong's recent setbacks have been to some extent the result of the inability of their captain, Frank Kwok, to play. Kwok is suffering from an injured arm.

MAN WHO FOUND LOUIS

Just had a letter from an old fighter named Arthur Tracy, writes L. V. Manning. That name may convey little to you, though he met men like Frank Moody and Kid Doyle.

But Tracy is the genuine discoverer of none other than Joe Louis, though many others have claimed that distinction.

Tracy, who settled in America, helped to found the Detroit Motor Works Boxing Club. It was there that he first discovered and then developed Louis's talent.

Nineteen Stone Hope

Tracy now tell me he thinks he has discovered Joe's successor. He is 19-year-old 6ft. 3in. Jim Powers, who has been registering some good wins.

His latest was over a Negro named Seantore Coplin.

Tracy claims that when he gets Powers down to a reasonable working weight—he weighs 19st. at the moment—he'll make the grade.

Tracy hopes to come to England soon, bringing his 16-year-old son with him. His boy, he tells me, is showing great promise as a scrapper.

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TOBRUK'S FATE SEALED

Imperial Forces Smashing Through Defences

First General Captured: Big Cruiser Ablaze

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at British General Headquarters in Cairo)

AFTER STEADILY INVESTING THE TOWN FOR NEARLY THREE WEEKS BRITAIN'S ARMY OF THE NILE LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON TOBRUK EARLY YESTERDAY, AND HAVE PENETRATED THE DEFENCES, INNER AND OUTER TO A DEPTH OF FIVE MILES.

FRENCH FLEET

THE RECONCILIATION OF MARSHAL PETAIN AND LAVAL DOES NOT MEAN THAT FRANCE WILL TURN OVER THE FRENCH FLEET TO GERMAN. ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY.

He is reported to have stated that the reconciliation was intended to curb attacks of certain Paris newspapers on the Vichy Government.

NO INFLUENZA

DESPITE WAR CONDITIONS, THERE HAS, AS YET, BEEN NO SIGN OF ANY INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN BRITAIN, THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH STATED YESTERDAY.

If there is no epidemic by the beginning of February, he continued, the danger should be past.

Blinding sandstorms that have been sweeping over the Western Desert almost continuously for the past week had hampered the final stages of the operations.

The troops had to force a way through yellow clouds of sand which reduced visibility sometimes to a few yards.

Most of our troops had been in contact with the Italians on the outer perimeter of Tobruk less than a week after the fall of Bardia, and this offensive has been prepared equally carefully.

Patrols have gone out nightly gathering precise information in regard to the Italian defences.

They found tank traps surrounding Tobruk so deep in places that they had to bring up ladders in order to enter and measure their size.

The outer perimeter of defences is about 30 miles in circumference.

Formidable Task

Unlike Bardia, Tobruk has a second line of defence, with a circumference of about 11 miles.

The outer circle is barbed-wired all round, presenting a formidable task for the preliminary work of destruction by our Engineers.

British penetration of both the outer and inner defences of Tobruk, to a depth of five miles, was announced in a special communique issued last night from G.H.Q., Cairo.

Cairo Communique

The communique reads: "Shortly after noon to-day the Imperial forces, actively supported by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, successfully penetrated both the outer and inner defences of Tobruk to a depth of over five miles on a broad front."

"The advance is continuing. Many prisoners have already been taken, including one Italian general."

"An Italian cruiser, the San Giorgio, in Tobruk harbour, is in flames, together with a number of dumps of stores of petrol and the like."—Reuter.

Just A Matter Of Hours

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The capture of Tobruk by the British and Imperial forces is regarded as a mere matter of hours, since many of the Italian defences have already fallen into British hands.

This new success in Africa follows the sudden break through Tobruk's powerful outer defences after but a single day of concentrated assault to a depth of at least five miles.

Meanwhile British armoured units and motorised infantry are reported to have reached a point 30 miles east of Kassala, captured from the Italians last week. — International News Service.

ARTILLERY DUELS IN ALBANIA

Improvements in the weather resulted in heavy artillery duels in the central sector of the Albanian front from dawn all day, stated Athens radio yesterday.

Greek guns silenced many enemy batteries.

Thick snow covers the mountains where fighting is proceeding, and there is bitter cold and fog.

Despite the conditions the Greeks continue to maintain the initiative and to displace the enemy from fortified positions. In the southern sector beyond Chirmarra the Greeks encircled and captured a trench mortar corps, taking many prisoners. — Reuter.

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TWO TRAWLERS SUNK

Two trawlers, Manx Prince and Refundo, have been sunk, states an Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday.

There was no loss of life in Manx Prince but there were casualties in Refundo. — Reuter.

FREEZING AXIS ASSETS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt yesterday flatly ruled out any convoy of British merchant vessels by American warships or the transfer of any more American destroyers to Britain now.

Holding his first press conference in his third term the President told newsmen that suggestions for convoy or transfer of warships were "Old Mother Hubbard stuff," adding he could be quoted on that.

President Roosevelt disclosed that the Administration was seriously considering freezing all German, Italian and Japanese assets in the United States. Told that he was reported to have already drafted a freezing order, the President acknowledged that this might be correct but emphasised that the measure is still in the study stage.

He said that as many as 50 executive orders may have been drafted to meet sundry contingencies but drafting did not mean execution and had no special significance. — International News Service.

"L.G." IN ACCIDENT

Much concern is felt for the health of Mr. Lloyd George, who was severely shaken when the car in which he was travelling on Monday to Criccieth, in a vain attempt to reach the bedside of his wife who since died, crashed into an obstruction caused by a landslide in the Welsh mountains.

The elderly statesman, who was still suffering from the shock caused by Madame Lloyd George's death, is confined to his room and has been advised to rest before continuing his journey. — British Wireless.

ASSAULT CHARGE

W. T. Stoneham, of No. 33B, Hillwood Road, was summoned before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning for assaulting Wu Ping, a bus driver, at Tsimshatsui on January 12.

The summons was adjourned to next Thursday.

IL DUCE SUPPLIANT FOR AID

The meeting of Hitler and Mussolini took place at Berchtesgaden, according to the diplomatic correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" yesterday.

The correspondent says that for the purpose of propaganda the usual mystification was made but "I can state that the purpose of the conference was the quite simple one of transferring the Italian war machine to German control."

More fact that the meeting was held at Berchtesgaden and not, as in former meetings, on the Italo-German frontier, emphasises the subservient role Mussolini now takes.

This subservience may be unpalatable to Italian pride and may be disguised in the language of Italian propagandists but nevertheless the fact remains that Mussolini at the meeting was suppliant for German aid and had to accept the German terms.

These were for the command of the Italian forces in fact if not in appearance, the correspondent states. — Reuter.

SWEEPING PLANS

Sweeping plans for a national labour scheme are to be incorporated in a Bill which is now being drafted, Mr. Bevin announced yesterday.

Under this Bill, white-collar workers, of all classes of society, may be drafted from ordinary office jobs to munitions factories and other tasks vital to the war industry.

Under the Bill, the Government will have the right to take over the control of such industries during the war and will have the sole right to discharge or engage workers in such industries, in view of their national importance.

These workers from the white-collar classes may be transferred to vital industries temporarily or for the duration of the war.

A fine of \$10, or one month's hard labour, was imposed by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning on Wong Tsai, 23, watchman, for stealing 23 empty bottles on a P. and O. steamer at Kowloon Docks yesterday.

STOP PRESS

Five Thai planes were brought down by anti-aircraft fire in Cambodia on January 16/17, claims a communique issued by Admiral Decoux's headquarters in Hanoi. There was no activity by Thailand troops on the Cambodian-Lao border yesterday, the communique adds. — Reuter.

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